

**STATE OF ALASKA
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the
Board of Public Accountancy
is to protect
the public interest
by insuring that
only qualified persons are licensed
and appropriate standards
of competency and practice
are established
and enforced.*

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

February 14-15, 2022

Suite 1550, Atwood Building
550 West 7th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska

Due to COVID-19, no physical attendance from the public will be accepted

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TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 14, 2022

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	
	9:00 a.m.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Don Vieira, Chair
1.	9:05 a.m.	Review Agenda	Chair
2.	9:10 a.m.	Ethics Report	Chair
3.	9:20 a.m.	Review Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 8-9, 2021	Chair
4.	9:30 a.m.	Alaska Society of CPA's Report	John Rodgers/Crista Burson
5.	9:45 a.m.	Investigative Report	Dawn Bundick
6.	10:15 a.m.	Public Comment (Time limit of 3 minutes will apply as necessary)	Chair
7.	10:30 a.m.	CPA Exam	Chair
8.	10:50 a.m.	NASBA Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upcoming meetings/conferences• NASBA Committee meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Continuing Professional Education Committee (Johnson)○ Education Committee (Hanks)○ Ethics Committee (Schmitz)	Chair

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| 9. | 11:20 a.m. | Correspondence | Chair |
| | 11:45 a.m. | LUNCH | |
| 10. | 12:45 p.m. | Board Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ED Report• FY22 Goals & Objectives – Check-in• Discuss Late Renewals• Reciprocity Discussion• Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY22 Q1) | Chair |
| 11. | 1:45 p.m. | Statute/Regulation Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislation Status Update (HB44)• Regulation Review<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Status of latest project○ SB21 – RE: Military & Spouse Licensure | Chair |

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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| | 9:00 a.m. | Call to Order/Roll Call | Chair |
| 12. | 9:02 a.m. | Review Agenda | Chair |
| 13. | 9:05 a.m. | Application Review | Chair |
| 14. | 11:45 a.m. | Administrative Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm upcoming meeting schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 19-20, 2022• August 25-26, 2022 *planned to be in-person• November 7-8, 2022• Review task lists• Sign minutes | Chair |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Adjourn | |

ETHICS INFORMATION

State of Alaska
DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ETHICS ACT PROCEDURES FOR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

All board and commission members and staff should be familiar with the Executive Branch Ethics Act procedures outlined below.

Who Is My Designated Ethics Supervisor (DES)?

Every board or commission subject to the Ethics Act¹ has several ethics supervisors designated by statute.

- The chair serves as DES for board or commission members.
- The chair serves as DES for the executive director.
- The executive director serves as DES for the staff.
- The governor is the DES for a chair.²

What Do I Have To Disclose?

The Ethics Act requires members of boards and commissions to disclose:

- Any matter that is a potential conflict of interest with actions that the member may take when serving on the board or commission.
- Any circumstance that may result in a violation of the Ethics Act.
- Any personal or financial interest (or that of an immediate family member) in a state grant, contract, lease or loan that is awarded or administered by the member's board or commission.
- The receipt of certain gifts.

The executive director of the board or commission and its staff, as state employees, must also disclose:

- Compensated outside employment or services.
- Volunteer service, if any compensation, including travel and meals, is paid or there is a potential conflict with state duties.

- For more information regarding the types of matters that may result in violations of the Ethics Act, board or commission members should refer to the guide, *"Ethics Information for Members of Boards and Commissions."* The executive director and staff should refer to the guide, *Ethics Information for Public Employees.* Both guides and disclosure forms may be found on the Department of Law's ethics website.

How Do I Avoid Violations of the Ethics Act?

- Make timely disclosures!
- Follow required procedures!
- Provide all information necessary to a correct evaluation of the matter!³
- When in doubt, disclose and seek advice!
- Follow the advice of your DES!

What Are The Disclosure Procedures for Board and Commission Members?

The procedural requirements for disclosures by members are set out in AS 39.52.220 and 9 AAC 52.120. One goal of these provisions is to help members avoid violations of the Ethics Act. The procedures provide the opportunity for members to seek review of matters in advance of taking action to ensure that actions taken will be consistent with the Act.

Procedure for declaring actual or potential conflicts.

Members must declare potential conflicts and other matters that may violate the Ethics Act **on the public record and in writing to the chair.**

Disclosure on the public record. Members must identify actual and potential conflicts orally at the board or commission's public meeting in **advance** of participating in deliberations or taking any official action on the matter.

- A member must always declare a conflict and may choose to refrain from voting, deliberations or other participation regarding a matter.⁴
- If a member is uncertain whether participation would result in a violation of the Act, the member should disclose the circumstances and seek a determination from the chair.

Disclosure in writing at a public meeting. In addition to an oral disclosure at a board or commission meeting, members' disclosures must be made in writing.

- If the meeting is recorded, a tape or transcript of the meeting is preserved **and** there is a method for identifying the declaration in the record, an oral disclosure may serve as the written disclosure.
- Alternatively, the member must note the disclosure on the Notice of Potential Violation disclosure form and the chair must record the determination.

Confidential disclosure in advance of public meeting. Potential conflicts may be partially addressed in advance of a board or commission's public meeting based on the published meeting agenda or other board or commission activity.

- A member identifying a conflict or potential conflict submits a Notice of Potential Violation to the chair, as DES, in advance of the public meeting.
- This written disclosure is considered confidential.
- The chair may seek advice from the Attorney General.
- The chair makes a written determination, also confidential, whether the disclosed matter represents a conflict that will result in a violation of the Ethics Act if the member participates in official action addressing the matter.⁵
- If so, the chair directs the member to refrain from participating in the matter that is the subject of the disclosure.
- An oral report of the notice of potential violation and the determination that the member must refrain from participating is put on the record at a public meeting.⁶

Determinations at the public meeting. When a potential conflict is declared by a member for the public record, the following procedure must be followed:

- The chair states his or her determination regarding whether the member may participate.
- Any member may then object to the chair's determination.
- If an objection is made, the members present, excluding the member who made the disclosure, vote on the matter.
- *Exception:* A chair's determination that is made consistent with advice provided by the Attorney General may not be overruled.
- If the chair, or the members by majority vote, determines that a violation will exist if the disclosing member continues to participate, the member must refrain from voting, deliberating or participating in the matter.⁷

If the chair identifies a potential conflict, the same procedures are followed. If possible, the chair should forward a confidential written notice of potential violation to the Office of the Governor for a determination in advance of the board or commission meeting. If the declaration is first

made at the public meeting during which the matter will be addressed, the members present, except for the chair, vote on the matter. If a majority determines that a violation of the Ethics Act will occur if the chair continues to participate, the chair shall refrain from voting, deliberating or participating in the matter. A written disclosure or copy of the public record regarding the oral disclosure should be forwarded to the Office of the Governor for review by the chair's DES.

Procedures for Other Member Disclosures

A member's interest in a state grant, contract, lease or loan and receipt of gifts are disclosed by filling out the appropriate disclosure form and submitting the form to the chair for approval. The disclosure forms are found on the Department of Law's ethics website.

What Are The Disclosure Procedures for Executive Directors and Staff?

Ethics disclosures of the executive director or staff are made in writing to the appropriate DES (chair for the executive director and the executive director for staff).

- Disclosure forms are found on the ethics website, noted above.

Notices of Potential Violations. Following receipt of a written notice of potential violation, the DES investigates, if necessary, and makes a written determination whether a violation of the Ethics Act could exist or will occur. A DES may seek advice from the Attorney General. If feasible, the DES shall reassign duties to cure a potential violation or direct divestiture or removal by the employee of the personal or financial interests giving rise to the potential violation.

- These disclosures are not required to be made part of the public record.
- A copy of a determination is provided to the employee.
- Both the notice and determination are confidential.

Other Disclosures. The DES also reviews other ethics disclosures and either approves them or determines what action must be taken to avoid a violation of the Act. In addition to the disclosures of certain gifts and interests in the listed state matters, state employees must disclose all outside employment or services for compensation.

- The DES must provide a copy of an approved disclosure or other determination the employee.

How Are Third Party Reports of Potential Violations or Complaints Handled?

Any person may report a potential violation of the Ethics Act by a board or commission member or its staff to the appropriate DES or file a complaint alleging actual violations with the Attorney General.

- Notices of potential violations and complaints must be submitted **in writing and under oath**.
- Notices of potential violations are investigated by the appropriate DES who makes a written determination whether a violation may exist.⁸
- Complaints are addressed by the Attorney General under separate procedures outlined in the Ethics Act.
- **These matters are confidential**, unless the subject waives confidentiality or the matter results in a public accusation.

What Are The Procedures for Quarterly Reports?

Designated ethics supervisors must submit copies of notices of potential violations received and the corresponding determinations to the Attorney General for review by the state ethics attorney as part of the quarterly report required by the Ethics Act.

- Reports are due in April, July, October and January for the preceding quarter.
- A sample report may be found on the Department of Law's ethics website.
- An executive director may file a quarterly report on behalf of the chair and combine it with his or her own report.
- If a board or commission does not meet during a quarter and there is no other reportable activity, the DES advises the Department of Law Ethics Attorney by e-mail at ethicsreporting@alaska.gov and no other report is required.

If the state ethics attorney disagrees with a reported determination, the attorney will advise the DES of that finding. If the ethics attorney finds that there was a violation, the member who committed the violation is not liable if he or she fully disclosed all relevant facts reasonably necessary to the ethics supervisor's or commission's determination and acted consistent with the determination.

How Does A DES or Board or Commission Get Ethics Advice?

A DES or board or commission may make a **written request** to the Attorney General for an opinion regarding the application of the Ethics Act. In practice, the Attorney General, through the state ethics attorney, also provides **advice by phone or e-mail** to designated ethics supervisors, especially when time constraints prevent the preparation of timely written opinions.

- A request for advice and the advisory opinion are confidential.
- The ethics attorney endeavors to provide prompt assistance, although that may not always be possible.
- The DES must make his or her determination addressing the potential violation based on the opinion provided.

It is the obligation of each board or commission member, as well as the staff, to ensure that the public's business is conducted in a manner that is consistent with the standards set out in the Ethics Act. We hope this summary assists you in ensuring that your obligations are met.

¹ The Act covers a board, commission, authority, or board of directors of a public or quasi-public corporation, established by statute in the executive branch of state government.

² The governor has delegated the DES responsibility to Guy Bell, Administrative Director of the Office of the Governor.

³ You may supplement the disclosure form with other written explanation as necessary. Your signature on a disclosure certifies that, to the best of your knowledge, the statements made are true, correct and complete. False statements are punishable.

⁴ In most, but not all, situations, refraining from participation ensures that a violation of the Ethics Act does not occur. Abstention does not cure a conflict with respect to a significant direct personal or financial interest in a state grant, contract, lease or loan because the Ethics Act prohibition applies whether or not the public officer actually takes official action.

⁵ The chair must give a copy of the written determination to the disclosing member. There is a determination form available on the Department of Law's ethics web page. The ethics supervisor may also write a separate memorandum.

⁶ In this manner, a member's detailed personal and financial information may be protected from public disclosure.

⁷ When a matter of particular sensitivity is raised and the ramifications of continuing without an advisory opinion from the Attorney General may affect the validity of the board or commission's action, the members should consider tabling the matter so that an opinion may be obtained.

⁸ The DES provides a copy of the notice to the employee who is the subject of the notice and may seek input from the employee, his or her supervisor and others. The DES may seek advice from the Attorney General. A copy of the DES' written determination is provided to the subject employee and the complaining party. The DES submits a copy of both the notice and the determination to the Attorney General for review as part of the DES' quarterly report. If feasible,

the DES shall reassign duties to cure a potential violation or direct divestiture or removal by the employee of the personal or financial interests giving rise to the potential violation.

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The Attorney General and Department of Law staff may not provide legal advice to private citizens or organizations. Please contact an attorney if you need legal advice. The Alaska Lawyer Referral Service or your local bar association may be able to assist you in locating a lawyer.

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ETHICS INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (AS 39.52)

Introduction

This is an introduction to AS 39.52, the *Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act*. This guide is not a substitute for reading the law and its regulations. State board and commission members who have further questions should contact their board chair or staff.

The Ethics Act applies to all current and former executive branch public employees and *members of statutorily created boards and commissions*.

Scope of Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110)

Service on a state board or commission is a public trust. The Ethics Act prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Further, board or commission members, and their immediate family, may not improperly benefit, financially or personally, from their actions as board or commission members. The Act does not, however, discourage independent pursuits, and it recognizes that minor and inconsequential conflicts of interest are unavoidable.

Misuse of Official Position (AS 39.52.120)

Members of boards or commissions may not use their positions for personal gain or to give an unwarranted benefit or treatment to any person. For example, board members may not:

- use their official positions to secure employment or contracts;
- accept compensation from anyone other than the State for performing official duties;
- use State time, equipment, property or facilities for their own personal or financial benefit or for partisan political purposes;
- take or withhold official action on a matter in which they have a personal or financial interest; or
- coerce subordinates for their personal or financial benefit.
- attempt to influence outcome of an administrative hearing by privately contacting the hearing officer.



Terry knew that a proposal that was before the board would harm Terry's business competitor. Instead of publicly disclosing the matter and requesting recusal, Terry voted on the proposal.



Board member Mick has board staff employee Bob type an article for him that Mick hopes to sell to an Alaskan magazine. Bob types the article on State time.

Improper Gifts (AS 39.52.130)

A board member may not solicit or accept gifts if a person could reasonably infer from the circumstances that the gift is intended to influence the board member's action or judgment. "Gifts" include money, items of value, services, loans, travel, entertainment, hospitality, and employment. All gifts from registered lobbyists are presumed to be improper, unless the giver is immediate family of the person receiving the gift.

A gift worth more than \$150 to a board member or the board member's immediate family must be reported within 30 days if:

- the board member can take official action that can affect the giver, or
- the gift is given to the board member because he or she is on a state board.

The receipt of a gift worth less than \$150 may be prohibited if a person could reasonably infer from the circumstances that the gift is intended to influence the board member's action or judgment. Receipt of such a gift should be disclosed.

Any gift received from another government, regardless of value, must be reported; the board member will be advised as to the disposition of this gift.

A form for reporting gifts is available at www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics or from the board or commission staff.

This restriction on gifts does not apply to lawful campaign contributions.



The commission is reviewing Roy's proposal for an expansion of his business. Roy invites all the board members out to dinner at an expensive restaurant. He says it will be okay, since he isn't excluding any of the members.



Jody receives a holiday gift every year from Sam. Jody was recently appointed to a state board, but Sam has no business that is before the board. Jody may accept the gift.

Improper Use or Disclosure of Information (AS 39.52.140)

No former or current member of a board may use or disclose any information acquired from participation on the board if that use or disclosure could result in a financial or personal benefit to the board member (or immediate family), unless that information has already been disseminated to the public. Board members are also prohibited from disclosing confidential information, unless authorized to do so.



Sheila has been on the board for several years. She feels she has learned a great deal of general information about how to have a successful business venture. So she sets up her own business and does well.



Delores has always advised and assisted the other doctors in her clinic on their continuing education requirements. After Delores is appointed to the medical board, she discloses this role to the board and continues to advise the doctors in her clinic.



Jim reviews a confidential investigation report in a licensing matter. He discusses the practitioner's violation with a colleague who is not a board member.

Improper Influence in State Grants, Contracts, Leases or Loans (AS 39.52.150)


A board member, or immediate family, may not apply for, or have an interest in a State grant, contract, lease, or loan, if the board awards or takes action to administer the State grant, contract, lease, or loan.


A board member (or immediate family) may apply for or be a party to a *competitively solicited* State grant, contract or lease, if the board as a body does not award or administer the grant, contract, or lease and so long as the board member does not take official action regarding the grant, contract, or lease.

A board member (or immediate family) may apply for and receive a State loan that is generally available to the public and has fixed eligibility standards, so long as the board member does not take (or withhold) official action affecting the loan's award or administration.

Board members must report to the board chair any personal or financial interest (or that of immediate family) in a State grant, contract, lease or loan that is awarded or administered by the agency the board member serves. *A form for this purpose is available at www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics or from the board or commission staff.*




 John sits on a board that awards state grants. John hasn't seen his daughter for nearly ten years so he figures that it doesn't matter when her grant application comes up before the board.

 The board wants to contract out for an analysis of the board's decisions over the last ten years. Board member Kim would like the contract since she has been on the board for ten years and feels she could do a good job.

Improper Representation (AS 39.52.160)

A board or commission member may not represent, advise, or assist a person in matters pending before the board or commission for compensation. A nonsalaried board or commission member may represent, advise, or assist in matters in which the member has an interest that is regulated by the member's own board or commission, if the member acts in accordance with AS 39.52.220 by disclosing the involvement in writing and on the public record, and refraining from all participation and voting on the matter. This section does not allow a board member to engage in any conduct that would violate a different section of the Ethics Act.


 Susan sits on the licensing board for her own profession. She will represent herself and her business partner in a licensing matter. She discloses this situation to the board and refrains from participation in the board's discussions and determinations regarding the matter.

Restriction on Employment After Leaving State Service (AS 39.52.180)

For two years after leaving a board, a former board member may not provide advice or work for compensation on any matter in which the former member personally and substantially participated while serving on the board. This prohibition applies to cases, proceedings, applications, contracts, legislative bills, regulations, and similar matters. This section does not prohibit a State agency from contracting directly with a former board member.

With the approval of the Attorney General, the board chair may waive the above prohibition if a determination is made that the public interest is not jeopardized.

Former members of the governing boards of public corporations and former members of boards and commissions that have regulation-adoption authority, except those covered by the centralized licensing provisions of AS 08.01, may not lobby for pay for one year.

 The board has arranged for an extensive study of the effects of the Department's programs. Andy, a board member, did most of the liaison work with the contractor selected by the board, including some negotiations about the scope of the study. Andy quits the board and goes to work for the contractor, working on the study of the effects of the Department's programs.



Andy takes the job, but specifies that he will have to work on another project.

Aiding a Violation Prohibited (AS 39.52.190)

Aiding another public officer to violate the Ethics Act is prohibited.

Agency Policies (AS 39.52.920)

Subject to the Attorney General's review, a board may adopt additional written policies further limiting personal or financial interests of board members.

Disclosure Procedures

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS BY MEMBERS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS (AS 39.52.220)

A board member whose interests or activities could result in a violation of the Ethics Act if the member participates in board action must disclose the matter on the public record and in writing to the board chair who determines whether a violation exists. *A form for this purpose is available at www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics or from the board or commission staff.* If another board member objects to the chair's ruling or if the chair discloses a potential conflict, the board members at the meeting (excluding the involved member) vote on the matter. If the chair or the board determines a violation will occur, the member must refrain from deliberating, voting, or participating in the matter. For more information, see *Ethics Act Procedures for Boards and Commissions* available at the above noted web site.

When determining whether a board member's involvement in a matter may violate the Ethics Act, either the chair or the board or commission itself may request guidance from the Attorney General.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADVICE (AS 39.52.240-250)

A board chair or a board itself may request a written advisory opinion from the Attorney General interpreting the Ethics Act. A former board member may also request a written advice from the Attorney General. These opinions are confidential. Versions of opinions without identifying information may be made available to the public.

REPORTS BY THIRD PARTIES (AS 39.52.230)

A third party may report a suspected violation of the Ethics Act by a board member in writing and under oath to the chair of a board or commission. The chair will give a copy to the board member and to the Attorney General and review the report to determine whether a violation may or does

exist. If the chair determines a violation exists, the board member will be asked to refrain from deliberating, voting, or participating in the matter.

Complaints, Hearings, and Enforcement

COMPLAINTS (AS 39.52.310-330)

Any person may file a complaint with the Attorney General about the conduct of a current or former board member. Complaints must be written and signed under oath. The Attorney General may also initiate complaints based on information provided by a board. A copy of the complaint will be sent to the board member who is the subject of the complaint and to the Personnel Board.

All complaints are reviewed by the Attorney General. If the Attorney General determines that the complaint does not warrant investigation, the complainant and the board member will be notified of the dismissal. The Attorney General may refer a complaint to the board member's chair for resolution.

After investigation, the Attorney General may dismiss a complaint for lack of probable cause to believe a violation occurred or recommend corrective action. The complainant and board member will be promptly notified of this decision.

Alternatively, if probable cause exists, the Attorney General may initiate a formal proceeding by serving the board or commission member with an accusation alleging a violation of the Ethics Act. Complaints or accusations may also be resolved by settlement with the subject.

CONFIDENTIALITY (AS 39.52.340)

Complaints and investigations prior to formal proceedings are confidential. If the Attorney General finds evidence of probable criminal activity, the appropriate law enforcement agency shall be notified.

HEARINGS (AS 39.52.350-360)

An accusation by the Attorney General of an alleged violation may result in a hearing. An administrative law judge from the state's Office of Administrative Hearings serves as hearing officer and determines the time, place and other matters. The parties to the proceeding are the Attorney General, acting as prosecutor, and the accused public officer, who may be represented by an attorney. Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer files a report with the Personnel Board and provides a copy to the parties.

PERSONNEL BOARD ACTION (AS 39.52.370)

The Personnel Board reviews the hearing officer's report and is responsible for determining whether a violation occurred and for imposing penalties. An appeal may be filed by the board member in the Superior Court.

PENALTIES (AS 39.52.410-460)

When the Personnel Board determines a board member has violated the Ethics Act, it will order the member to refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating in the matter. The Personnel Board may also order restitution and may recommend that the board member be removed from the board or commission. If a recommendation of removal is made, the appointing authority will immediately remove the member.

If the Personnel Board finds that a former board member violated the Ethics Act, it will issue a public statement about the case and will ask the Attorney General to pursue appropriate additional legal remedies.

State grants, contracts, and leases awarded in violation of the Ethics Act are voidable. Loans given in violation of the Ethics Act may be made immediately payable.

Fees, gifts, or compensation received in violation of the Ethics Act may be recovered by the Attorney General.

The Personnel Board may impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for each violation of the Ethics Act. In addition, a board member may be required to pay up to twice the financial benefit received in violation of the Ethics Act.

Criminal penalties are in addition to the civil penalties listed above.

DEFINITIONS (AS 39.52.960)

Please keep the following definitions in mind:

Benefit - anything that is to a person's advantage regardless financial interest or from which a person hopes to gain in any way.

Board or Commission - a board, commission, authority, or board of directors of a public or quasi-public corporation, established by statute in the executive branch, including the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

Designated Ethics Supervisor - the chair or acting chair of the board or commission for all board or commission members and for executive directors; for staff members, the executive director is the designated ethics supervisor.

Financial Interest - any property, ownership, management, professional, or private interest from which a board or commission member or the board or commission member's immediate family

receives or expects to receive a financial benefit. Holding a position in a business, such as officer, director, partner, or employee, also creates a financial interest in a business.

Immediate Family - spouse; another person cohabiting with the person in a conjugal relationship that is not a legal marriage; a child, including a stepchild and an adoptive child; a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the person; and a parent or sibling of the person's spouse.

Official Action - advice, participation, or assistance, including, for example, a recommendation, decision, approval, disapproval, vote, or other similar action, including inaction, by a public officer.

Personal Interest - the interest or involvement of a board or commission member (or immediate family) in any organization or political party from which a person or organization receives a benefit.

For further information and disclosure forms, visit our Executive Branch Ethics web site or please contact:

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Ethics Disclosure Form

Receipt of Gift

TO: _____, Designated Ethics Supervisor, _____
(Agency, Public Corporation, Board,
Commission or Council)

This disclosure reports receipt of a gift to me or my immediate family member, as required by AS 39.52.130(a) or (b) or (f) or 9 AAC 52.060.

1. Is the gift valued in excess of \$150?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Is the gift connected to my position as a state officer, employee or member of a state board or commission?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Can I take or withhold official action that may affect the person or entity that gave me the gift?
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Are there circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift is intended to influence the performance of official duties, actions, or judgment?
☐ Yes ☐ No

(If the answer to any question is "Yes," or if you are not sure, you must complete this form and provide it to your designated ethics supervisor.)

The gift is _____

Identify gift giver by full name, title, and organization or relationship, if any and occasion for gift: _____

My estimate of its value is \$ _____ The date of receipt was _____

☐ The gift was received by a member of my family. Who? _____

If you checked "Yes" to question 3 above, explain the official action you may take that affects the giver (attach additional page, if necessary):

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Division)

(Position Title)

(Location)

Ethics Supervisor Determination: ☐ Approve ☐ Disapproved

Designated Ethics Supervisor*

(Date)

**Designated Ethics Supervisor: Provide a copy of the approval or disapproval to the employee. If action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220, attach a determination stating the reasons and send a copy of the determination and disclosure to the attorney general with your quarterly report.*

Ethics Disclosure Form

Receipt of Gift from Another Government

To: Director of Administrative Services, Office of the Governor

As required by AS 39.52.130(e), this disclosure reports receipt of a gift from another government given to me or a member of my family and accepted on behalf of the state.

The gift is:

My estimate of its value is \$ _____

I received it from: _____

(Identify by full name, title, government)

The date of receipt was _____

I received this gift under the following circumstances:

I can take or withhold the following official action that affects the giver:

☐ The gift was received by a member of my family. Who? _____

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Signature) *(Date)*

(Printed Name) *(Division)*

(Position Title) *(Location)*

(Department/Agency/Corporation/Board/Commission)

Designated Ethics Supervisor Review: _____

(Signature of Ethics Supervisor and Date)

Office of the Governor

Determination of appropriate disposition: _____

Director of Administrative Services, Office of the Governor *(Date)*

Return a copy of this disclosure showing disposition to the designated ethics supervisor for forwarding to the gift recipient.

Ethics Disclosure Form

Interest in State Grant, Contract, Lease, or Loan

TO: _____, Designated Ethics Supervisor

(Agency, Public Corporation, Board, Commission, Council)

As required by AS 39.52.150(d), this disclosure reports a personal or financial interest held by me or a family member and awarded, executed, or administered by the agency that I serve:

☐ contract ☐ state grant ☐ lease ☐ loan

The state grant, contract, lease, loan was awarded on _____
by: _____

Describe the grant, contract, lease, or loan:

Identify the Recipient(s) of the grant, contract, lease, or loan:

My financial or personal interest in the grant, contract, lease, or loan is:

Official action I can take regarding the grant, contract, lease or loan is:

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Division)

(Position Title)

(Location)

(Work Supervisor's Signature)

(Date)

Ethics Supervisor Determination: ☐ Approved ☐ Action Required

(Date)

Designated Ethics Supervisor*

**Designated Ethics Supervisor: Provide a copy of the signed disclosure to the employee. If action is required under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220, attach a determination stating the reasons and send a copy of the determination and disclosure to the attorney general with your quarterly report.*

Revised 2012

Ethics Disclosure Form

CONFIDENTIAL Notification of Potential Violation Board or Commission Member Disclosure

TO: _____, Designated Ethics Supervisor, _____
(Chair) (Board or Commission)

In accordance with AS 39.52.220(a), I am notifying you of a situation which may result in a violation of the Code of Ethics by me.

I am requesting your determination regarding a possible violation of:

- ☐ AS 39.52.120, Misuse of Official Position
- ☐ AS 39.52.130, Improper Gifts
- ☐ AS 39.52.140, Improper Use or Disclosure of Information
- ☐ AS 39.52.150, Improper Influence in State Grants, Contracts, Leases or Loans
- ☐ AS 39.52.160, Improper Representation
- ☐ AS 39.52.180, Restrictions on Employment after Leaving State Service
- ☐ AS 39.52.190, Aiding a Violation Prohibited

The situation is as follows:

- ☐ I have provided additional information in the attached document(s).

I understand that I should refrain from taking any official action relating to this matter until I receive your determination. I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Member Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

Note: Under AS 39.52.220, a board or commission member must disclose a potential violation of AS 39.52.110 - 39.52.190. If the chair, as designated ethics supervisor, or a majority of the board or commission, not including the subject member, determines that a violation will exist if the member continues to participate, the member shall refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating in the matter. A report of all disclosures and determinations, along with any written documentation, must be forwarded to the attorney general with the board's or commission's next quarterly report.

Ethics Disclosure Form

CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR ETHICS DETERMINATION

TO: _____, Designated Ethics Supervisor

(Identify Your Department, Agency, Public Corporation, Board, Commission)

I request advice regarding the application of the Executive Branch Ethics Act (AS 39.52.010 - .960) to my situation. The situation involves the following:

☐ I have provided additional information in the attached document(s).

I believe the following provisions of the Ethics Act may apply to my situation:

- ☐ AS 39.52.120, Misuse of Official Position
- ☐ AS 39.52.130, Improper Gifts
- ☐ AS 39.52.140, Improper Use or Disclosure of Information
- ☐ AS 39.52.150, Improper Influence in State Grants, Contracts, Leases or Loans
- ☐ AS 39.52.160, Improper Representation
- ☐ AS 39.52.170, Outside Employment Restricted
- ☐ AS 39.52.180, Restrictions on Employment after Leaving State Service
- ☐ AS 39.52.190, Aiding a Violation Prohibited

I understand that I should refrain from taking any official action relating to this matter until I receive your advice. If the circumstances I described above may result in a violation of AS 39.52.110 - .190, I intend that this request serve as my disclosure of the matter in accordance with AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that my statement is true, correct, and complete. In addition to any other penalty or punishment that may apply, the submission of a false statement is punishable under AS 11.56.200 - AS 11.56.240.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Division, Board, Commission)

(Position Title)

(Location)

Designated Ethics Supervisor: Provide a copy of your written determination to the employee advising whether action is necessary under AS 39.52.210 or AS 39.52.220, and send a copy of the determination and disclosure to the attorney general with your quarterly report.

MINUTES

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 8-9, 2021

These draft minutes were prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Accountancy was held November 8-9, 2021.

Monday, November 8, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Don Vieira, at 9:01 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board were:

Leslie Schmitz, CPA
Don Vieira, CPA
Rachel Hanks, CPA
Lance Johnson, Public Member
Steven Jordan, CPA
Karen Smith, Public Member

Present from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Cori Hondolero, Executive Administrator
Dawn Bundick, Investigator III (agenda item #6)
Erika Prieksat, Senior Investigator (agenda item #6)
Melissa Dumas, Admin Operations Manager (agenda item #10)
Sara Chambers, Director (agenda item #11)

Visitors present included:

Crista Burson, representing the Alaska Society of CPAs

Agenda Item 1 – Review Agenda

No changes were made. Mr. Jordan noted that he would not be able to participate on day two of the meeting, due to work commitments. He noted that he would send in his notes for the applications that he reviewed. Mr. Vieira wanted to mention a thank you to Mr. Tegeler, for his service on the Board.

Agenda Item 2 – Ethics Report

It was determined that there was nothing to report.

Agenda Item 3 – Review Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the last teleconference meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Smith, and approved unanimously by the members present, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 26-27, 2021 minutes as written.

Agenda Item 4 - Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA)

Ms. Burson provided a summary of current AK Society activities:

- Alaska CPA Exam Prometric Center – AICPA sent a copy of letter to Society regarding test site issues; will provide a copy of that letter to the Board.
- AICPA Fall Council and Leadership Conference was held virtually October 18th – 20th. The theme was Adapt & Thrive. Items of note included:
 - A vote to change bylaws to modify governance of AICPA and CIMA. Reduce board to 26 instead of 32 and add a co-chair position.
 - Report on finance and operations that include dues increases.
 - Update on the current political and legislative environment and preparations for virtual hill visits.
- AICPA proposed updates to the Statements on Standards for Tax Services.
- Legislative Committee Updates – HB 3006 “An Act relating to a state sales and use tax; relating to sales and use taxes levies by municipalities; authorizing the Dept of Revenue to enter into the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; and providing for an effective date.” *a copy of this bill was included in the Board packet.
- Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, December 15th at noon.
- June 1-3, 2022 next annual meeting; planning for in person.

Ms. Schmitz asked about the timeliness of IRS notices. Ms. Burson stated that there are lots of complaints about this. Ms. Hanks noted that there are two officers in Anchorage; once you have a final intent to levy, you can schedule an appointment time to discuss. Mr. Vieira also noted that he has been able to get through on the practitioner priority line.

Ms. Burson noted that she has not received any additional complaints about testing in AK. Ms. Smith asked if the Board can resume test site visits. Ms. Hondolero indicated that she would check.

Agenda Item 7 – CPA Exam

Only one survey had been received; it was emailed to Board members in advance of the meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – NASBA Updates

Ms. Hanks stated that she volunteered to be on the CPA evolution task force. Mr. Vieira noted that he had attended the NASBA annual meeting and asked if anyone knew where the University of Alaska (UA) is on CPA evolution incorporation into their program. Ms. Schmitz indicated that during the summer, educators noted they were behind the power curve. Mr. Johnson added that there is a big push to finish the exam by the end of 2023 before the new version is launched. Ms. Schmitz added that CPA review courses will also be changing. Mr. Vieira stated that those who are close to finishing the exam, should be taking their remaining parts now. Mr. Vieira also noted that the Board should look at the regulations again to make sure that they align with CPA evolution.

18-month window discussion – time starts on the date that you first sit. 12 AAC 04.200(g)(2) – look at this section for possible update. Reach out to NASBA to see if they have data on what other jurisdictions do. Maybe this information is in the ALL database. Determine if this needs to be added to a future regulation project.

Ernst & Young (EY) – there was a presentation at the annual meeting. EY has established a relationship with a business school to help their employees earn additional education/semester hours.

Center for the Public Trust (CPT) – trying to outreach to colleges/universities. See if State Society has any interest in getting involved.

Ms. Burson provided information about the University of Alaska and CPA evolution. She indicated that UA is aware of CPA evolution, but has not done anything with it yet. When Ms. Burson met with UA staff members recently,

they noted that enrollment it down; they are more worried about that right now. Ms. Burson indicated that her contacts at UA are:

- Amy Cooper – Fairbanks
- Stasia Straley – Anchorage
- Julie Hamilton – Juneau

1-year vs 2-year experience requirement – discussion about how much is invested while supervising staff who are earning their required experience time.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Comment

There was no one present that made a request to address the Board.

Agenda Item 6 – Investigative Report

Investigator Bundick and Senior investigator Prieksat joined the meeting. Ms. Hondolero noted that there were matters that had been placed in OnBoard for review/action.

Investigator Bundick provided a summary of the investigative report in the packet:

- 16 open cases
- 7 closed cases

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Hanks, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing investigative matters.

The Board entered executive session at 10:02 a.m.

The Board went back on the record at 10:06 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the Imposition of Civil Fine for case #2021-000198.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the Imposition of Civil Fine for case #2021-000197.

Mr. Vieira asked if the Board has jurisdiction on government audits and international CPAs. Ms. Bundick requested that this be put in writing (email) and she would review it and include her supervisor.

Agenda Item 8 – NASBA Updates

Meetings

Annual Meeting – Nov 2-3, 2021

Changed to virtual meeting

40th Annual ED Conference – April 25-27, 2022

Clearwater, FL

Western Regional Meeting – June 7-9, 2022

Colorado Springs, CO

Committees

Ms. Hanks – Education Committee – no meetings yet.

Mr. Johnson – Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Committee – no meetings yet.

Ms. Schmitz – Ethics Committee – Meeting October 12; not able to attend.

Agenda Item 9 – Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence in the meeting packet and noted that there were no items that required response. While reviewing the AICPA drop lists, the Board stated participants could be dropped for a variety of reasons, but that attest, other than compilation requires peer review.

Agenda Item 10 – Board Business

FY22 – Goals & Objectives

Mr. Vieira stated that he would like members to volunteer to take the lead of different items from the goals & objectives.

1 – Ms. Schmitz

2 – Mr. Jordan/Ms. Hanks

3 – Mr. Jordan/Ms. Hanks

4 – Process already in place

5 – Mr. Vieira

6 – Mr. Johnson

7 – Ms. Smith

This will be place on the next agenda to discuss any progress and plans going forward.

Mr. Vieira asked Board members to be thinking about the international candidates/CPAs issue. NASBAs position is there is prestige with the international credential. The big 4 like to have US CPAs on staff. Concern about being hands off once credential has been issued. What if there is an issue in their home country.

Ms. Hondolero noted that investigations does not track by case/person; they are just charging time spent to the program. Ms. Smith added that the Boards focus is on the mission, not dollars. Ms. Schmitz asked if the Board can enforce and does not believe it is possible at the worldwide level. It was also noted that exam and licensure revenue streams are different.

Discussion about remote/online notary services. Are these acceptable? What is a considered 'legal' notary in Alaska? Does the Board have to accept what is standard in other states or internationally?

ED Report

Board vacancy – one CPA seat currently vacant and another CPA seat will be open 3/1/22.

Renewal – renewal set to open soon with fee updates in place.

Misc.

Ms. Hanks noted that she had volunteered to be part of the exam practice analysis for the tax section and would have additional information to share with the Board.

The Board reviewed the letter that AKCPA had received from Prometric about AK test site issues and noted that the Board would continue to monitor things and would notify NASBA if necessary.

Ms. Smith asked why investigative cases were staying open more than two years and asked what the Board could do about this.

Mr. Jordan stated that he would review reciprocity requirements for what needs to change.

Revenue/Expenditure Report

Melissa Dumas, Admin Operations Manager joined the meeting and reviewed the final FY21 report with the Board. Ms. Schmitz asked if there were any outstanding bills from legal that might still be coming and asked if legal opinions (for legislation) are charged to the Board. It was noted that indirect expenses went down. Ms. Dumas stated that were changes to the formulas and vacancy rates; costs are down due to less people working.

Agenda Item 11 – Statute/Regulation Projects

Sara Chambers, Division Director joined the meeting to discuss SB21 with the Board.

SB21 – this legislation mandates temporary licensure. The next steps for the Board are to evaluate how does this new statute work existing statutes/regulations for CPAs and is there anything currently in place that is not reasonable. All 21 Boards must determine substantial equivalency; incoming licensees must not have any discipline on their license and must have a full/unrestricted license in their home state. The Board should determine if there are any unique State specific requirements. These temporary licenses are valid for 180 days, with an option to renew. The purpose of the temporary license, is to allow the applicant to finish documentation of the full licensure requirements.

Ms. Schmitz asked if this was a considered an equal license. Ms. Chambers stated it must be substantially equivalent and this temporary licensure applies to active duty members and their spouses. Question about fees charged. There is an application fee and a temporary license fee. Some programs are referencing the centralized regulation for the fees. The temporary license is a separate process, but can't require more than what is needed for full licensure. Ms. Chambers stated that she would be happy to help if necessary.

Travel – the Board inquired about any current travel or meeting restrictions. Ms. Chambers indicated that there are no formal restrictions in place. Out of State travel can be approved, if it meets are requirements. The Board can determine if it is comfortable meeting in person and if/when the public is welcome in person. Zoom is working to allow Board members and the public to participate.

The Board thanked Ms. Chambers for attending and providing the legislative and temporary licensure information updates.

HB44 – has passed the House side and moved to the Senate side. Will be heard in Senate Labor & Commerce when the session reconvenes in early 2022. One additional edit to section 10 will be needed. If necessary, as session starts, Ms. Hondolero can inquire about the ability to meet with legislators.

Current regulation project – the public comment period closed on November 3, 2021. Ms. Hondolero had emailed the two comments that were received to all Board members and they were also included in the meeting packet. The Board reviewed both comments that had been received and did not make any changes to the project. Ms. Smith had done some research to find out how other jurisdictions require those with an inactive status to hold out. The other jurisdictions with inactive status, do require that status to be disclosed.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Jordan, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the regulation project as public noticed for the following sections: 12 AAC 04.004, 04.038, 04.165, 04.175, 04.185, 04.200, 04.205, 04.300, 04.370, 04.390, 04.430 and 04.610.

The meeting was recessed at 3:22 p.m., until Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Don Vieira, at 9:03 a.m. Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board were:

Leslie Schmitz, CPA
Don Vieira, CPA
Rachel Hanks, CPA
Lance Johnson, Public Member
Karen Smith, Public Member

Present from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Cori Hondolero, Executive Administrator

Visitors present included:

Katy Gelenski

Agenda Item 12 – Review Agenda

No changes made to agenda.

Agenda Item 13 – Application Review

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Hanks, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing investigative matters.

The Board entered executive session at 9:09 a.m.
The Board went back on the record at 9:55 a.m.

Board members reviewed applications and took the following action:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Sarah Frampton, Kaitlyn Gelenski, Jordan Kessler, Cassandra L'Heureux, Beau McClain, Molly Monaghan, Javier Moreno Vita, Morgan Paca, Cheryl Quinn, Minyang Shen, Bridge Taylor, Ashley Thomas, Maria Torres Ramirez and Jordan White for licensure by exam.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Jed Ballard and Randall Loveridge for licensure reinstatement.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Jacob Dutton, Dean Larocque, Todd Muslow and Gayla Thornton for licensure by reciprocity.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation from NASBA to deny the request for Exam Score extension for:

- **Mohammed Shat (x2)**
- **Anshooman Acharya**
- **Joksy Simon**
- **Yuichi Kobayashi**
- **Jasiv Singh**
- **Yutaka Imai**
- **Yuzo Kumagai**
- **Dewhitney Farrington**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to deny the request for extension of exam score for Anshooman Acharya, Leila Nehmi and Abdelrahma

Alloun; 12 AAC 04.200(i), credit not lost due to circumstances beyond applicant's control.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Abdallah Seleh's request for extension of AUD score to 12/31/21.

The Board received a request for review approval of an IRS training for CE credit. The Board took no action on this item. The Board noted that CE requires a certificate of completion that includes specific information as required by centralized regulation. Ms. Hondolero will provide that regulation to the licensee.

Agenda Item 14 – Administrative Business

Confirm Upcoming Meeting Dates/Locations

- February 14-15, 2022 – Anchorage
- May 19-20, 2022
- August 25-26, 2022 – Anchorage
- November 7-8, 2022

Task Lists

Don Vieira

- Email questions regarding government audits and international CPAs and Board jurisdiction to investigator Bundick
- Goal/Objective 5

Steven Jordan

- Goal/Objective 2 and 3
- Review reciprocity requirements

Rachel Hanks

- Goal/Objective 2 and 3

Leslie Schmitz

- Goal/Objective 1

Lance Johnson

- Goal/Objective 6

Karen Smith

- Goal/Objective 7

Cori Hondolero

- Check ALL or inquire with NASBA regarding how other jurisdictions use the 18-month window for the exams
- Check to see if Prometric is allowing test site visits
- Place FY22 goals & objectives check-in on next agenda

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Ms. Schmitz, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cori Hondolero
Executive Administrator

Approved:

Don Vieira, Chair
Alaska Board of Public Accountancy

Date: _____

Alaska Society of CPA's

Society update:

John Rodgers, Board liaison

INVESTIGATIONS



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2022

TO: Board of Public Accountancy

THRU: Greg Francois, Chief Investigator

FROM: Dawn Bundick, Investigator

RE: Investigative Report for the February 14, 2022 Meeting

The following information was compiled as an investigative report to the Board for the period of October 22, 2021 thru January 27, 2022; this report includes cases, complaints, and intake matters handled since the last report.

Matters opened by the Paralegals in Anchorage and Juneau, regarding continuing education audits and license action resulting from those matters are covered in this report.

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<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Violation Type</u>	<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT			
2021-001325	Falsified application	Intake	12/29/2021
2022-000019	License application problem	Intake	01/06/2022
2022-000056	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/19/2022
2022-000059	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/19/2022
2022-000060	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/19/2022
2022-000061	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/19/2022
2022-000066	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/21/2022
2022-000067	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/21/2022
2019-001179	Fraud or misrepresentation	Complaint	10/25/2019
2019-001289	Violation of board order	Complaint	11/14/2019

2020-001014	Violating professional ethics	Complaint	11/02/2020
2021-000081	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	02/09/2021
2021-000205	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	03/19/2021
2021-000237	Unlicensed practice or activity	Complaint	03/31/2021
2021-000382	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	04/30/2021
2021-000749	Unlicensed practice or activity	Complaint	08/20/2021
2021-000954	Misrepresentation	Complaint	10/01/2021
2021-001182	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	12/02/2021
2020-000189	Unlicensed practice or activity	Monitor	01/19/2022

CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION

2022-000045	License application problem	Intake	01/14/2022
2022-000046	License application problem	Intake	01/14/2022

CPA REGISTRATION

2022-000011	License application problem	Intake	01/05/2022
2022-000013	License application problem	Intake	01/05/2022
2022-000014	License application problem	Intake	01/05/2022
2022-000016	License application problem	Intake	01/05/2022
2022-000017	License application problem	Intake	01/05/2022
2022-000062	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/19/2022
2022-000063	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/20/2022
2022-000064	License application problem	Intake	01/20/2022
2022-000068	Unlicensed practice or activity	Intake	01/21/2022
2021-001040	Violation of licensing regulation	Complaint	10/22/2021
2020-000228	Unlicensed practice or activity	Monitor	01/27/2022
2020-000362	Violation of licensing regulation	Monitor	01/27/2022
2019-001085	Unlicensed practice or activity	Investigation	07/30/2020

Closed - 5

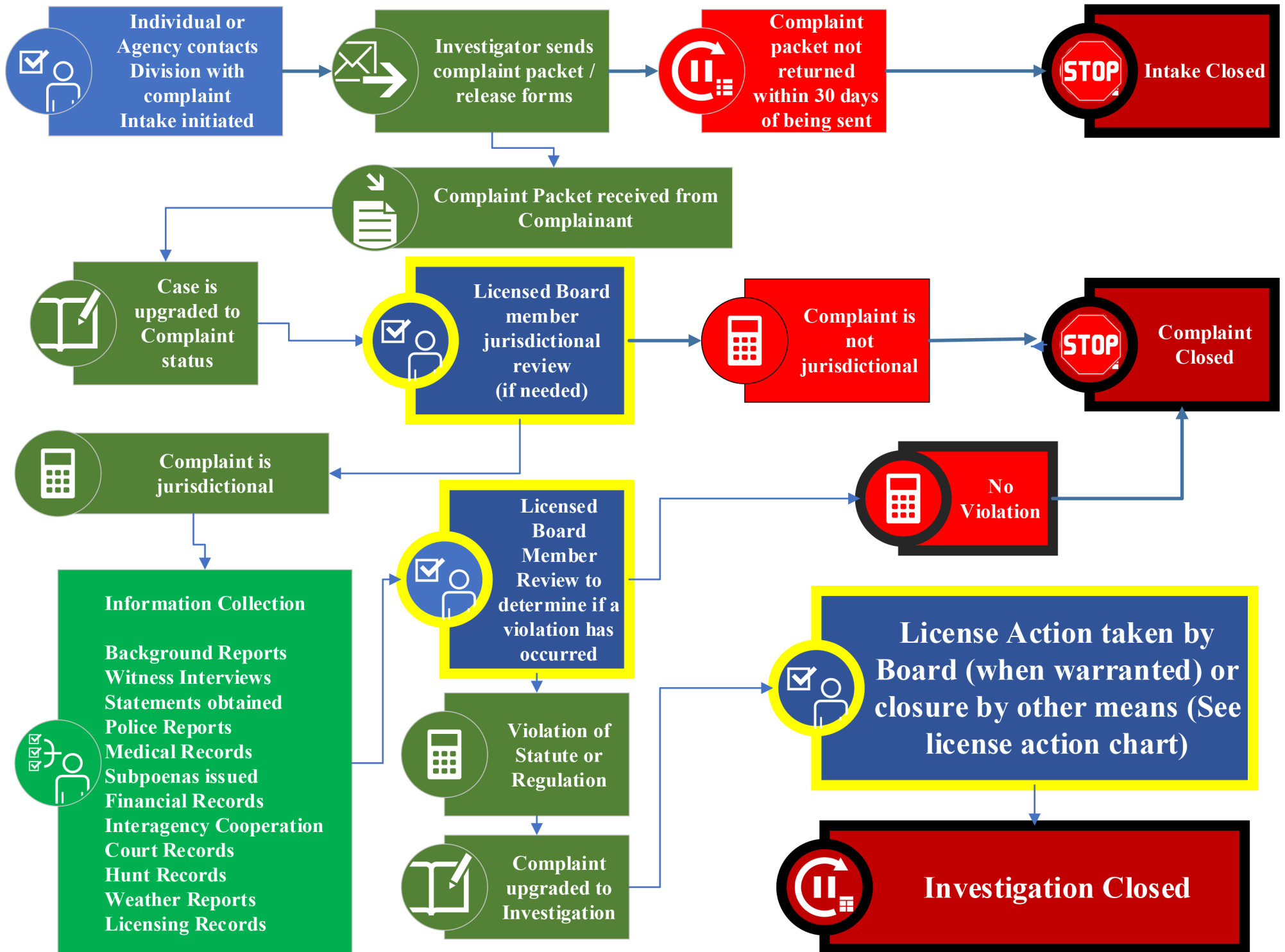
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**CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANT**

2021-001109	Unlicensed practice or activity	Closed-Intake	12/14/2021	Incomplete Complaint
2021-001110	Unlicensed practice or activity	Closed-Intake	12/14/2021	Incomplete Complaint
2021-001310	License application problem	Closed-Intake	01/05/2022	Review Complete
2021-000197	Unlicensed practice or activity	Closed-Investigation	11/17/2021	License Action
2021-000198	Unlicensed practice or activity	Closed-Investigation	11/17/2021	License Action

END OF REPORT

INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS



Board/Commission License Action Options

Circumstance

Response/Options

Cease and Desist Order

On notice of possible violation, the Commissioner may, if in public's interest, issue Cease and Desist Order. AS 08.01.087(b). The board is polled for objection.



Board can object.

Must be majority, within 10 days.

Summary Suspension

Investigation shows "clear and immediate threat to public health and safety", Division presents petition for summary suspension.



Board issues summary suspension; hearing to follow within 7 days.

AS 08.01.075(c)

Post-hearing there is a proposed decision (from a judge), requires adoption by board.

License Denial



Board issues or denies license based on Alaska statutes specific to the profession.

Possible hearing if license is denied, proposed decision, and final adoption by board.

Consent Agreement

Investigation Unit presents a Consent Agreement, either before or after an Accusation is filed.



Board may approve or reject.

If board rejects Consent Agreement, further negotiations may follow or a hearing may be held.

Accusation

Investigation informed by the professional opinion of a Reviewing Board Member leads to filing an Accusation; if requested, hearing follows, decision goes to board with proposals for action from both parties, if any.



Board determines whether to accept, reject, or modify proposed decision and determine which sanctions to impose.

AS 08.01.075

Violation of Consent Agreement: Automatic Suspension

Board is informed of violation warranting immediate suspension under terms of Consent Agreement.



Division initiates suspension (per delegated authority) within Consent Agreement. Hearing possible, after which the board considers proposed ALJ decision, and adopts, rejects or amends.

Overview of the Board and Division (Investigation Unit) functions:

The Board or Commission's primary function is that of a regulatory body that makes licensure decisions and monitors compliance with the statute and regulations governing the profession. The professional statutes and regulations are found in centralized statutes of Title 8, and also in the statutes and regulations specific to each board, commission, or occupational area.

Complaints:

All written complaints, or reports, alleging a violation of statute or regulations should provide a specific and detailed summary of the complaint; the complainant must include any documentation or witnesses they feel supports the allegation of wrongdoing and, in healthcare complaints, a release for patient records.

Upon receipt, the complaint and evidence are reviewed by investigators to ensure jurisdiction over the person named in the complaint and the alleged violation by that person. This review takes into account, informal guidelines established by the Board or Commission, and the statutes and regulations of that specific practice area. If the complaint does not appear to allege a violation that is within the Board's jurisdiction, the Division may close the complaint. If the complaint does center on a violation that is within the Board's jurisdiction, an initial letter may be sent to the licensee against whom the complaint is filed. This letter provides notice of the complaint and allegations and may request records, an interview, or other response by the licensee.

Complaints that present an immediate threat to public safety are given priority; however, all complaints are investigated as quickly as possible. The steps taken in the investigation are determined on a case by case basis by the specifics of the allegations. This portion of the investigative process may be quite lengthy and may require additional information or evidence from the complainant, licensee, businesses, other governmental agencies or state boards, witnesses, or related parties.

Inquiry and Investigation:

The Investigators conduct an inquiry into the complaint; generally, the steps for an inquiry include the following:

- obtaining records, documentation and evidence related to the complaint;
- locating and interviewing the complainant, the client, the subject and any witnesses;
- drafting and serving subpoenas for necessary information.

After investigators have gathered pertinent information or evidence to prove or disprove an alleged violation, the matter is reviewed with the Chief Investigator and, when appropriate, the Board or Commission's liaison, a panel of two Board Members, or an expert in the field. This review may result in a recommendation that more information be obtained, the case be closed, or that the case continue forward. The Board's liaison or review panel does not determine guilt or innocence; it simply reviews the complaint to determine whether the allegations, supported by un-contested or sufficient evidence, would warrant proceeding with disciplinary action even if contested by the licensee.

If the complaint is supported by evidence, it proceeds to a case, or investigation. Once an investigation is opened, the licensee is notified they are under official investigation by the Division on behalf of the Board or Commission. This distinguishes between allegations brought against a licensee and a matter where allegations were brought and it was determined the licensee committed a violation of statutes or regulations governing their license. This is an important step because complaints can be unfounded or determined to be unsupported by evidence, and they are closed before becoming an official investigation, protecting the subject of the complaint from unwarranted repercussions in the community or area of practice. If a violation is supported by evidence and the matter proceeds to an investigation, the next step is determining an appropriate result.

Disposition of Cases:

The majority of cases are resolved through a Consent Agreement, an amicable settlement of a case short of a public hearing; this Agreement spells out agreed upon disciplinary action between the Board and the licensee and allows more options in achieving a balanced resolution for both parties.

The Consent Agreement is written by the Division, in consultation with a Reviewing Board or Commission Member; they consider the nature of the violation, the standard in effect at the time it was violated, the effect of the violation on the public and the profession, whether the respondent was knowing and willful, previous violations, whether the licensee was cooperative and took responsibility for the violation, any mitigating circumstances, the disciplinary action's effect on improving the licensee's practices, precedents set by other cases for consistency from case to case, and if appropriate, a necessary deterrent for other practitioners to avoid a similar violation.

Consent Agreements may involve any of the following:

- reprimand
- revocation
- assessment of a civil penalty (fine)
- suspension (for a specific period of time)
- probation
- condition to take additional Continuing Education over and above the annual requirement
- restrictions on practice (some Boards)

If an Agreement with the licensee is unsuccessful, the case is referred to the investigators' counsel, an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), for review and possible litigation, filing an Accusation charging the violations. If an Accusation is filed, the licensee is entitled to a hearing on the charges against them. After guidance from the Board or Commission and the Division, the AAG may approach the licensee to negotiate a settlement prior to a hearing. If a settlement cannot be reached, an administrative hearing will be held. All involved parties may be requested to appear and testify at the hearing, conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). After the hearing, OAH provides the Board or Commission with a proposed decision and order; the Board or Commission may adopt, amend, or reject the proposed decision and issue their own Decision and Order. Any Decision and Order adopted by the Board or Commission may be appealed to the Superior Court by the licensee.

The Division does not intervene in a dispute regarding the fees charged by a licensee. Disciplinary action is considered carefully on a case-by-case basis since the action may adversely affect the licensee reputation and ability to make a living. Therefore, it takes more than a claim of wrongdoing to file a complaint with the Board; the allegation must be substantiated and must be jurisdictional to the statutes and regulations of that Board or practice area.

Confidentiality:

Investigations are required by statute to be kept confidential. This often prevents the complainant, licensee, and the Board from obtaining progress reports or information that may disclose the current status of an open investigation. This also protects the reputation of licensees who may be accused of wrongdoing but the allegations against them are unproven. Cases often involve other agencies, businesses, and practices; disclosing information during an on-going case can compromise the investigation, create conflicts for reviewing Board members, or result in unnecessary hardship to the licensee.

CPA EXAM

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q-4

Overall

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	34,198
New Candidates	7,614
Total Sections	44,111
Passing 4th Section	5,608
Sections / Candidates	1.29
Pass Rate	49.69%
Average Score	71.12

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	10,887	69.01	49.39%
Re-Exam	33,092	71.83	49.82%
AUD	11,967	70.14	45.04%
BEC	9,218	75.87	60.28%
FAR	13,221	67.34	40.70%
REG	9,705	72.96	57.61%

Most Candidates

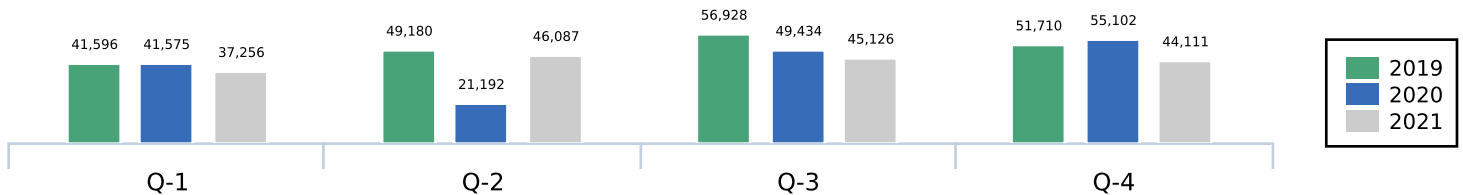
1. California	4,402
2. New York	3,652
3. Texas	2,305

Top 3 Jurisdictions

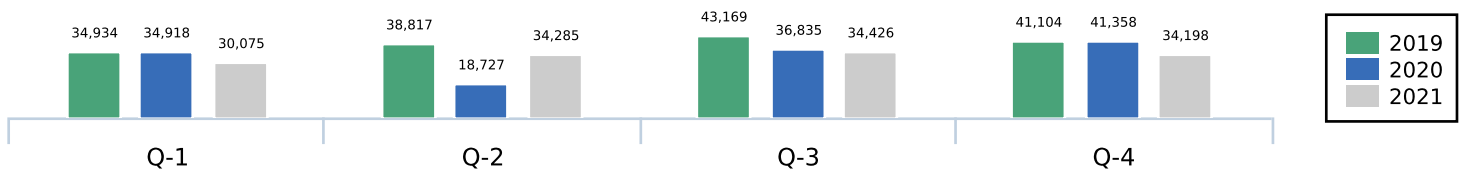
Highest Pass Rate

1. Utah	62.87%
2. Montana	56.96%
3. Kansas	56.13%

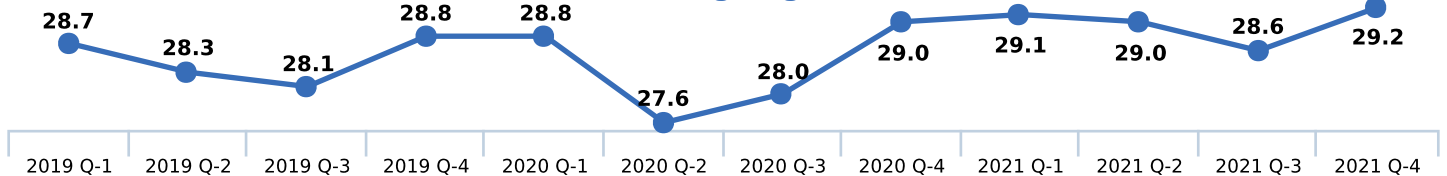
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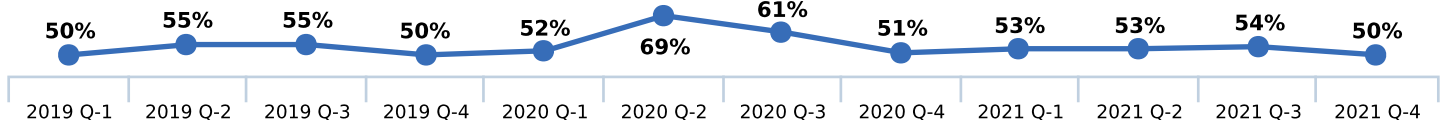
Candidates



Average Age



% Pass



CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q-4

Overall

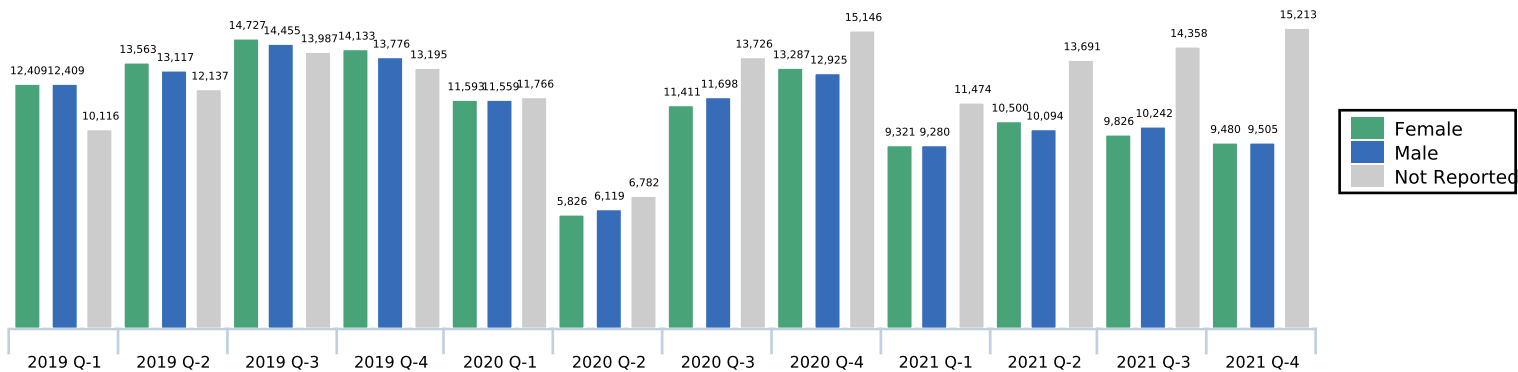
Degree Type

	Candidates	% Total
Bachelor's Degree	23,911	69.9%
Advanced Degree	7,473	21.9%
Enrolled / Other	2,814	8.2%

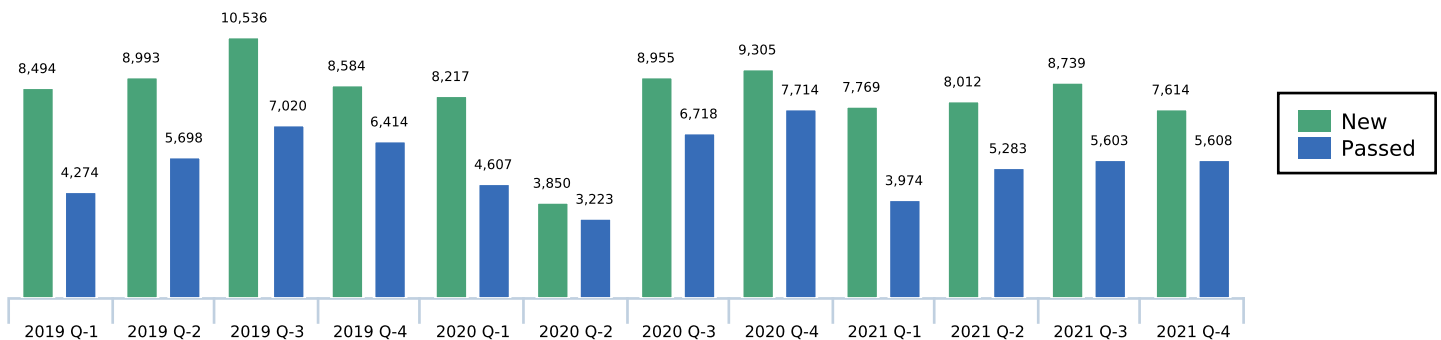
Residency

	Candidates	% Total
In-State Address	24,497	71.63%
Out-of-State Address	4,548	13.3%
Foreign Address	5,153	15.07%

Gender



New Candidates vs Candidates Passing 4th Section



Notes:

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CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q-4

Alaska

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	1,294
New Candidates	334
Total Sections	1,690
Passing 4th Section	191
Sections / Candidates	1.31
Pass Rate	51.07%
Average Score	71.61

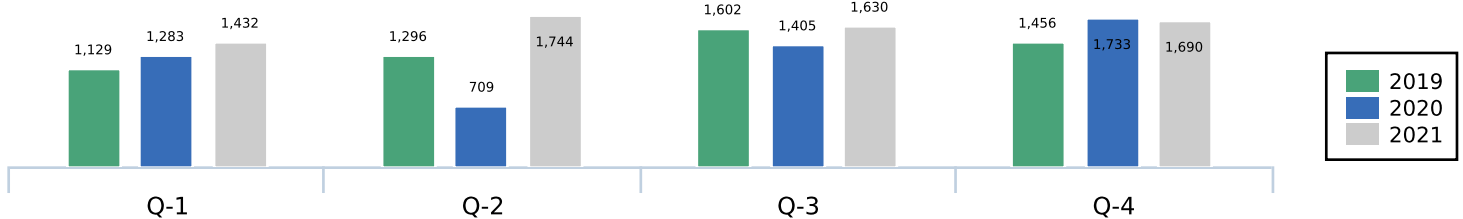
Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	445	70	51.24%
Re-Exam	1,244	72.18	51.05%
AUD	508	69.43	40.75%
BEC	382	74.16	56.02%
FAR	491	69.35	48.68%
REG	309	75.61	65.7%

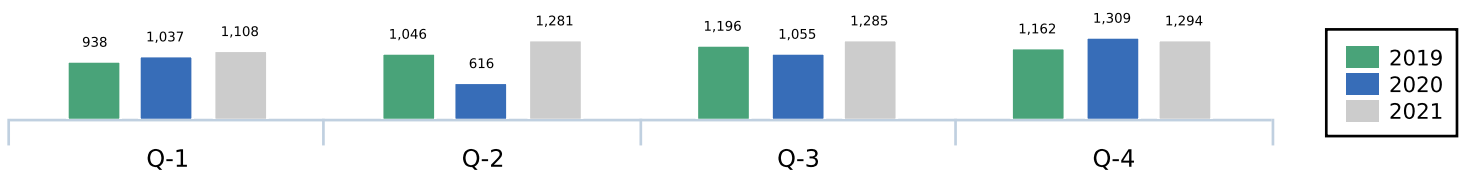
Jurisdiction Ranking

Candidates	Sections
6	5
22	23
Pass Rate	Avg Score

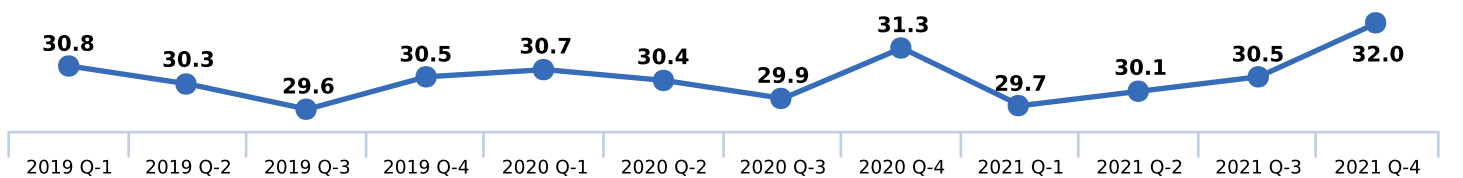
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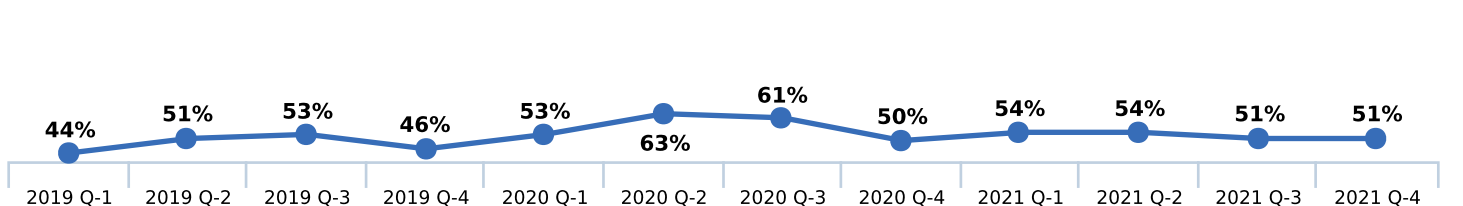
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Average Age



% Pass



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Alaska

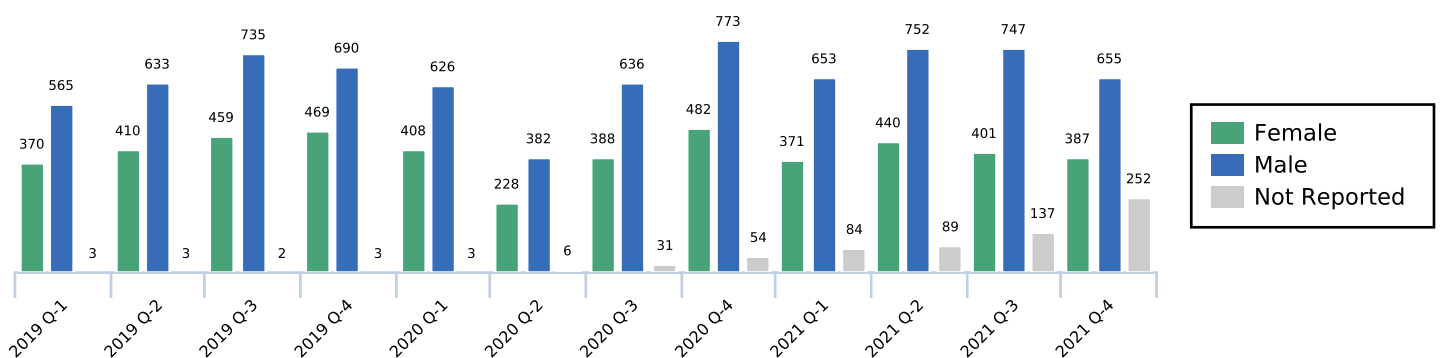
Degree Type

	Candidates	% Total
Bachelor's Degree	1,090	84.2%
Advanced Degree	105	8.1%
Enrolled / Other	99	7.7%

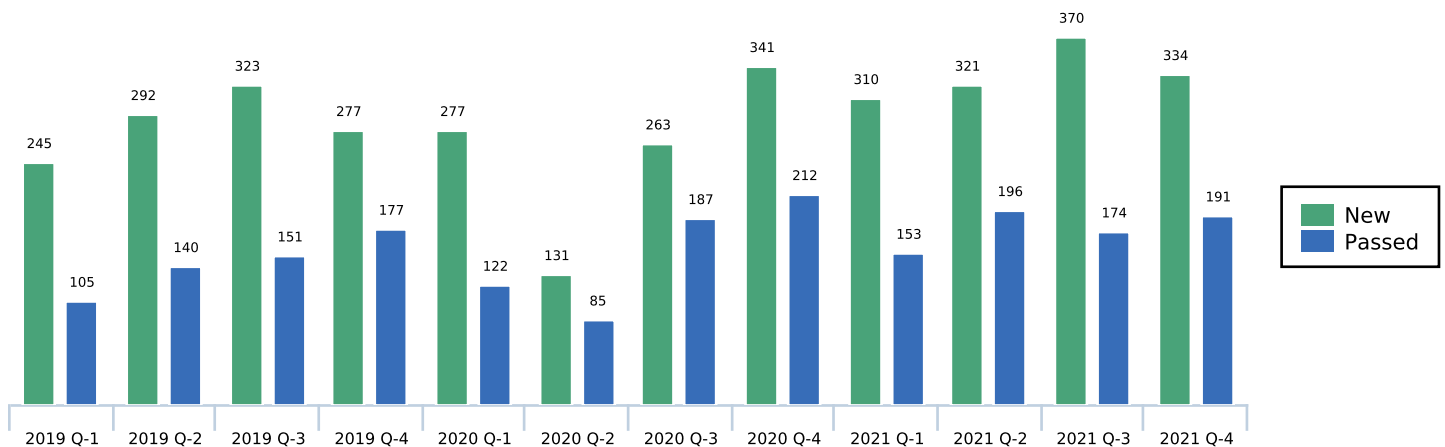
Residency

	Candidates	% Total
In-State Address	42	3.25%
Out-of-State Address	211	16.31%
Foreign Address	1,041	80.45%

Gender



New Candidates vs Candidates Passing 4th Section



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Overall Statistics for Testing Window 2021 Q-4

Jurisdiction	Count Candidate	Count Sections	FT Sections	RE Sections	Average Pass Rate	Average Score	Average Age
Alabama	273	353	82	269	49.29%	70.92	27.86
Alaska	1,294	1,690	445	1,244	51.07%	71.61	31.96
Arizona	401	524	139	385	48.09%	70.40	30.29
Arkansas	195	249	52	196	44.58%	70.27	29.16
California	4,402	5,627	1,581	4,030	51.95%	71.03	29.99
Colorado	519	641	142	497	53.98%	72.66	29.80
Connecticut	439	568	106	460	41.02%	68.89	27.68
Delaware	86	119	20	99	39.50%	67.50	32.42
District of Columbia	64	91	13	78	46.15%	70.42	30.55
Florida	1,177	1,522	310	1,201	51.45%	72.01	30.28
Georgia	943	1,223	312	907	46.44%	69.77	29.96
Guam	1,244	1,622	601	1,017	48.52%	71.16	30.28
Hawaii	115	152	35	117	44.74%	69.97	30.94
Idaho	147	190	54	136	52.63%	71.43	31.26
Illinois	1,544	2,044	450	1,588	51.27%	72.11	27.80
Indiana	500	677	191	483	44.31%	69.52	28.23
Iowa	259	343	96	247	53.06%	72.05	28.67
Kansas	123	155	34	121	56.13%	72.14	28.36
Kentucky	312	390	89	301	53.59%	71.79	29.30

Jurisdiction	Count Candidate	Count Sections	FT Sections	RE Sections	Average Pass Rate	Average Score	Average Age
Louisiana	327	392	88	302	44.39%	69.86	29.16
Maine	468	637	187	445	50.39%	70.86	32.65
Maryland	444	594	98	496	44.11%	69.84	30.24
Massachusetts	955	1,225	296	926	54.04%	72.93	26.72
Michigan	710	900	185	713	48.67%	70.86	27.80
Minnesota	527	701	205	493	50.50%	71.76	26.47
Mississippi	140	172	36	136	38.37%	65.85	29.65
Missouri	404	531	167	364	51.98%	71.79	27.62
Montana	581	790	307	482	56.96%	73.64	29.83
Nebraska	140	180	45	135	53.33%	72.71	27.09
Nevada	181	228	56	169	50.88%	70.91	31.48
New Hampshire	382	487	70	416	45.79%	70.70	32.03
New Jersey	924	1,214	270	943	43.00%	68.70	28.70
New Mexico	110	138	29	108	41.30%	67.49	32.15
New York	3,652	4,731	1,052	3,668	47.88%	70.69	27.41
North Carolina	661	838	274	563	50.72%	71.80	28.31
North Dakota	195	229	84	144	52.40%	71.71	29.48
Ohio	930	1,201	345	855	49.21%	70.95	27.11
Oklahoma	245	318	72	243	47.80%	71.74	29.69
Oregon	283	363	117	246	53.72%	71.88	29.61

Jurisdiction	Count Candidate	Count Sections	FT Sections	RE Sections	Average Pass Rate	Average Score	Average Age
Pennsylvania	1,295	1,652	402	1,249	46.37%	70.31	27.53
Puerto Rico	279	331	71	260	29.00%	62.90	28.86
Rhode Island	69	87	16	70	48.28%	71.59	28.12
South Carolina	204	239	53	183	53.14%	72.46	29.96
South Dakota	63	80	19	61	51.25%	71.85	28.69
Tennessee	568	722	164	553	49.17%	71.39	28.92
Texas	2,305	2,922	368	2,548	49.52%	70.96	30.75
Utah	329	404	139	264	62.87%	75.87	29.45
Vermont	94	145	43	102	46.21%	68.80	29.02
Virginia	922	1,176	286	883	50.34%	71.79	29.89
Washington	1,224	1,572	408	1,148	53.88%	72.37	31.37
West Virginia	64	76	17	59	51.32%	69.21	29.04
Wisconsin	450	614	153	460	54.72%	73.31	26.70
Wyoming	36	42	13	29	52.38%	72.31	29.26



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CANDIDATE CARE

QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2021 – December 30, 2021

KATHLEEN LOVE SCALES, CANDIDATE CARE ADVOCATE

NASBA'S CANDIDATE CARE CONCERNS

2021 Q4

October 1-December 30, 2021

Category	2021 Q4
AICPA Test Content	6
Candidate Error	26
Environment	6
Prometric Scheduling Issues	44
Prometric Site Issues	28
Technical/Software	42
Technical/Hardware	18
Total	170
Retests Awarded	43

NASBA Candidate Care Concerns Table

This report summarizes activities and preparations for the CPA examinations which have taken place in the 4th quarter of 2021. It also presents concerns expressed by candidates during the testing window.

AICPA Test Content

In this category, if candidates report issues with examination content, such as documents provided to answer questions showing conflicting information, no balance sheet available or unclear instructions, they are instructed to direct their inquiry to the AICPA.

Candidate Error

Candidate error includes issues such as, failing to bring NTS to test center, providing an incorrect NTS, issues with name on the NTS matching primary identification, hitting the "submit" button prematurely and timing out on the introductory screen.

Environment-Force Majeure

This category houses environmental issues such as test center room temperature, construction noise, power failure, fire drill and situations out of the candidate's or testing centers control.

Prometric Scheduling Issues

Candidates report concerns about the lack of availability at test centers, test center closures due to relocation and cancellation of testing appointments due to Covid-19, by adhering to State and international jurisdiction mandates. Prometric routinely reviews capacity throughout the testing centers and will extend operating hours as needed.

Prometric Site Issues

This category documents candidate complaints such as where they are seated in the testing room or the check-in process.

Technical/Software/Hardware

Examples of issues in this category are exam will not launch, computer tools not working properly, exam shutting down, unable to restart exam or issues with authoritative literature.

Tangible Items for the Quarter

The AICPA discovered an issue with exhibits opening blank. This was an issue where network lag caused some of the exhibits to not load or to load blank. The issue was addressed with a full driver release, which was distributed in test centers on a rolling basis in the latter half of December 2021. There was an Authoritative Literature issue where several links were broken due to a packaging error, causing the exam to crash when the link was clicked. The AuthLit was repackaged in early October 2021 and distributed to the test centers. All affected candidates have been offered a free retest. NASBA's Candidate Care Department has dealt with an influx of Covid-19 issues such as site closures due to staffing and candidates not being able to attend the examination abiding by Prometric's Covid-19 protocol. In these instances, some notice to schedules (NTS) had to be extended with Prometric clearing the eligibility for reschedule. We have continued to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and are following the CDC, Nashville's Mayor and Governor's guidelines in dealing with this. Stay safe and be well!

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to assist your CPA candidates. If you have any questions or concerns please call 615-880-4252 or Email klove@nasba.org or candidatecare@nasba.org Kathleen Love Scales, Candidate Care Department, NASBA. You may also share on: [Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#)/[linked-In](#)/[Email](#)



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CANDIDATE CARE
QUARTERLY REPORT
July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

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NASBA'S CANDIDATE CARE CONCERNS

2021 Q3

July 1-September 30, 2021

Category	2021 Q3
AICPA Test Content	5
Candidate Error	29
Environment	7
Prometric Scheduling Issues	26
Prometric Site Issues	17
Technical/Software	20
Technical/Hardware	15
Total	108
Retests Awarded	25

NASBA Candidate Care Concerns Table

This report summarizes activities and preparations for the CPA examinations which have taken place in the 3rd quarter of 2021. It also presents concerns expressed by candidates during the testing window.

AICPA Test Content

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Candidate Error

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This category houses environmental issues such as test center room temperature, construction noise, power failure, fire drill and situations out of the candidate’s or testing centers control.

Prometric Scheduling Issues

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Technical/Software/Hardware

Examples of issues in this category are exam will not launch, computer tools not working properly, exam shutting down, unable to restart exam or issues with authoritative literature.

Tangible Items for Quarter

The AICPA discovered an issue with exhibits opening blank and an issue with the authoritative literature, not accessible during testing events this quarter. As of October 2021, the AICPA put in a fix to prevent the issue from happening and installed a new driver. All affected candidates were offered a free retest. We have continued to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and are following the CDC, Nashville’s Mayor and Governor’s guidelines in dealing with this pandemic. Stay safe and be well!

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NASBA UPDATES

NASBA Upcoming Meeting Schedule

40th Annual Conference for Executive Directors

Clearwater, FL

April 25-27, 2022

*site says not to make arrangements yet

Western Regional Meeting

Colorado Springs, CO

June 7-9, 2022

115th Annual Meeting

San Diego, CA (tentative)

October 30 - November, 2022

NASBA – Committee Info

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Committee (Lance Johnson) -

Develop and promote uniform rules and requirements for continuing professional education among the jurisdictions. Also, oversee the Standards for CPE Programs and the related CPE Standards Working Group.

Education Committee (Rachel Hanks) - Support the Boards of Accountancy by representing NASBA in the academic community and serving as an advisory resource on education matters related to the accounting profession.

Ethics Committee (Leslie Schmitz) - Promote the development and maintenance of high-quality standards of ethical practice to protect the public interest. Provide input related to changes or developments in ethics-related standards.

Correspondence

- 1) AICPA – Discipline/Drop List
 - December 2021
 - November 2021
 - October 2021
- 2) NASBA – State Board Report – Fall 2021
- 3) Texas State Board Report – November 2021
- 4) Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy – Winter 2021
- 5) Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants – November 2021
- 6) North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
 - October 2021
 - September 2021
 - August 2021
- 7) Idaho State Board of Accountancy – December 2021
- 8) Tennessee State Board of Accountancy – Winter 2021
- 9) Washington Board of Accountancy – December 2021
- 10) California Board of Accountancy
 - Fall 2021
 - Annual Report December 2021
- 11) Missouri State Board of Public Accountancy – Winter 2022
- 12) Virginia Board of Accountancy – Winter 2022
- 13) Oklahoma Accountancy Board – Winter 2022
- 14) South Carolina Board of Accountancy – Q4 2021

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PERSEVERE



114th Annual Meeting Attracts Over 500

NASBA's 114th Annual Meeting returned to the virtual stage for the second consecutive year amid continued COVID-19 concerns. The two-day meeting, held via Zoom November 2-3, 2021, attracted a record total attendance of 519 state board representatives and stakeholders, representing 54 U.S. jurisdictions.

Following the theme "Persevere," the meeting featured a variety of plenary sessions, leadership updates and opportunities for NASBA members to engage and discuss emerging topics. Chief among the topics discussed include CPA Evolution, CPA Exam and Pipeline as presented by NASBA Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Colleen Conrad and AICPA Vice President - Examinations and Pipeline Michael Decker; Achieving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion featuring NABA President & CEO Guylaine Saint Juste and NASBA Chief Ethics and Diversity Officer Alfonzo Alexander; Enhancing Board Resources led by members of NASBA's Peer Review Compliance Committee and Innovations in the EY Internship and Education Program featuring Ellen Glazerman, ED, Ernst & Young Foundation and Americas Director, University Relations of EY.

In his State of NASBA address, NASBA President and Chief Executive Officer Ken L. Bishop thanked governance volunteers and staff for making the Association's success possible and assured Annual Meeting attendees that even with business disruptions including a reduction in CPA Examination candidates entering and progressing through the CPA Pipeline, NASBA is strong, more

viable and will continue to persevere, as the Association works to fulfill its mission during a global pandemic.

President Bishop cited several organizational achievements in his presentation, including:

- Maintained stakeholder relationships
- Adopted a new Strategic Plan
- Broadened infrastructure investments
- Began implementation of CPA Evolution
- Enhanced focus on diversity, equity and inclusion
- Dedicated staff and resources to address CPA Pipeline issues
- Focus on reduction of technical debt over next few years
- Implemented enhanced security training for staff
- Acquired new membership data platform

He concluded his address by emphasizing the significance of making CPA Pipeline a high priority, reminding attendees that "becoming a CPA remains a promising career opportunity." He also challenged regulators and members of the profession to "embrace changes to attract students with an interest in artificial intelligence, information technology and to "do more to educate students on the potential of the professional CPA career."

NASBA leadership remains optimistic that the 115th Annual Meeting will be held in-person, October 30 – November 2, 2022, in San Diego, CA. ♦

Candidate Performance Book Publication Paused

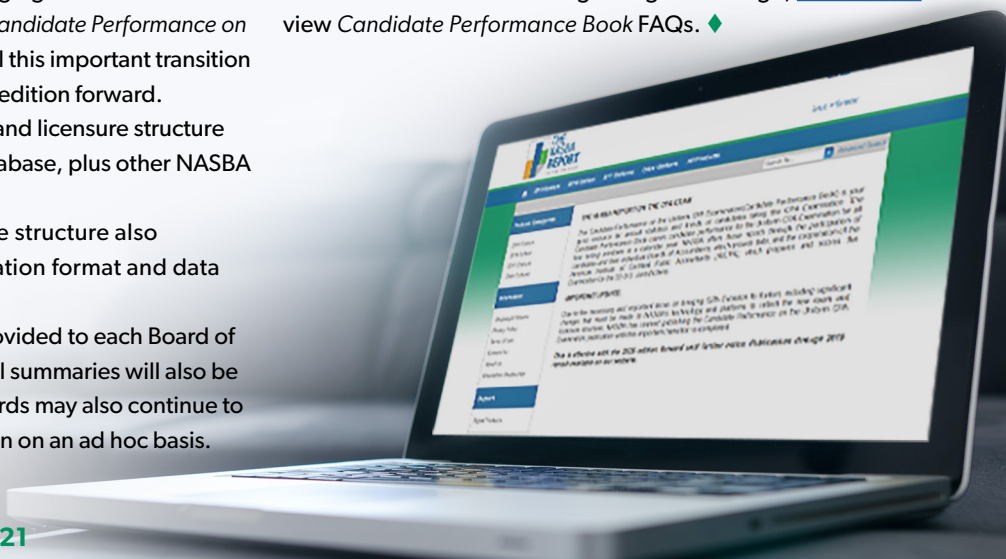
In a statement recently issued to Boards of Accountancy and members of the academic community, NASBA announced that due to the necessary and important focus on bringing CPA Evolution to fruition, NASBA has ceased publishing the *Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination* publication until this important transition is completed. This is effective with the 2020 edition forward. Significant changes to reflect the new exam and licensure structure are underway to the National Candidate Database, plus other NASBA systems and platforms.

The new CPA Exam core plus discipline structure also brings additional complexity to the publication format and data to be provided.

Quarterly reports will continue to be provided to each Board of Accountancy, and it is anticipated that annual summaries will also be made available. As always, accountancy boards may also continue to reach out to NASBA for additional information on an ad hoc basis.

Publications through 2019 remain available on our website, www.nasbareport.com, for interested third parties.

For more information regarding this change, [CLICK HERE](#) to view *Candidate Performance Book* FAQs. ♦



CHAIR'S MEMO

Rebooting and Returning to Basics

I know that I have big shoes to fill in succeeding Chair Carlos Barrera and Past Chair Laurie Tish as they have done an outstanding job leading NASBA through the pandemic. I look forward to working closely with you and your boards as we continue to move through uncharted territory. And I am confident that this time next year, we will feel proud about what we have accomplished to strengthen the regulation of the profession.

Two years ago, I never would have imagined being the third chair to lead NASBA through a hybrid year of virtual meetings. My hope is for NASBA to transition back to live meetings next year.

I am extremely proud of what the NASBA staff, board members and you, the volunteers, have accomplished during the pandemic to ensure timely, effective communications while working through many important matters such as NOCLAR, CPA Evolution and continuing to ensure that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion remain in our focus.

As more than 650,000 licensees throughout the country, and throughout the world, reboot their professional lives under the always changing "New Normal," there are procedures that we must follow in order to protect the public. Likewise, state boards will need to reconsider the crucial elements of operation, in this new and challenging regulatory environment. During my career, I experienced changes in public accounting resulting from the Savings and Loan crisis in the early 80s the implementation of Sarbanes Oxley as a result of Enron and World Com, the creation of the Single Audit act as a result of misuse of government funds, and increased regulation of the DOL over employee benefit plan failures. Recently, there was a *Wall Street Journal* article about perceived weak oversight of audits of billions of dollars of private assets. Personally, I am not sure that Sarbanes Oxley is the end all to large audit failures. A CPA can do everything according to professional standards and a business may still fail due to fraud or other irregularities.

As a profession and the regulators to that profession, we need to be able to adapt to address any criticisms that may come because of possible future failures. We need to ensure that professional quality, whether in performing an audit under PCAOB standards, a private audit, preparing a tax return or any other service, is supported by strong, relevant, professional standards. Next year, I believe the bar will be set even higher due to increased pressure for anti-regulation, enhanced oversight of the SEC and increased scrutiny of inspectors general on single audits, especially as audits of billions of dollars received under various stimulus plans become subject to special audit procedures.

In NASBA's budget for next year, we devoted more funds to mission spending in support of state boards to help you with any of your needs. We all need to work together to address any criticism that may be directed at state board regulation the next time a major audit failure occurs...and to reboot if necessary. And I promise, NASBA will be there to assist you!

It is also critical that we continue to look for ways to increase the pipeline of new individuals into the profession. As shared during the Annual Meeting, the number of candidates taking the CPA Exam continues to decline. It is essential to the protection of the public that we, as regulators, look for ways to increase the number of candidates that ultimately become CPAs.

As the AICPA continues to work with state societies to demonstrate the value of the CPA license to potential candidates, we all need to look for new ways to encourage non-traditional students to enter the profession. As a matter of fact, AICPA Chair Bill Pirolli attended a community college, and I attended a branch campus of a university. I challenge each of you to explore non-traditional avenues when hiring new employees.

There is not one silver bullet that will solve the pipeline issue, but I believe that NASBA, state boards, state societies and the AICPA all working together can bring more talented people into the profession.

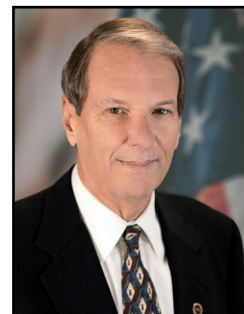
As we continue to work with other countries to renew or enter into mutual recognition agreements, one common, major hurdle, is the discussion around the experience requirement for individuals signing an audit opinion. Many countries have longer experience requirements than we have in the U.S., particularly for certified accountants performing attest work. We will continue to discuss whether a firm requirement should be considered requiring a CPA to have more experience prior to signing an audit opinion in the U.S.

All of us have seen how the world has changed in the past year. As the demographics of the U.S. continue to change, we need to shift our focus to find ways to become more diverse, inclusive and equitable. I have seen the NASBA Board of Directors grow more diverse over my years as a Board member. In fact, the four previous chairs who succeeded me represent that initiative. NASBA's 2021-22 Board is also one of the most diverse boards I can remember.

Before I conclude, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the support and commitment of my wife and best friend, Phyllis, for allowing me to devote the time to serve as chair of this great organization. I would not be able to do what I am doing without her support.

In summary, our number one goal is to get back to basics to make sure that quality is evident in every professional service that is delivered to the public. Secondly, we need to all do our part to strengthen the CPA pipeline. Third, is to continue to move towards the implementation of the CPA Evolution so we are ready in 2024. Lastly, we need to keep our eye on the ball and move the needle as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion.

If you will support me in my priorities for this next year, I am positive we will persevere and can adapt to strengthen the profession by enhancing state-based licensing and ultimately do a better job of protecting the public we serve. Thank you, and I look forward to working with you as we persevere through this "New Normal" together!



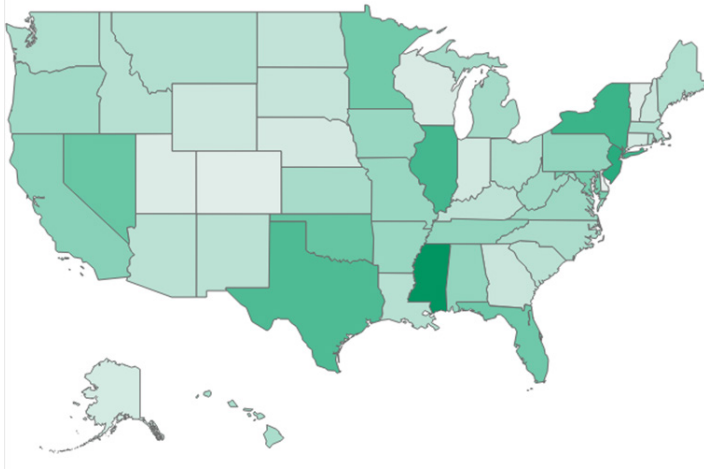
W. Michael Fritz
Chair 2021-22

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— W. Michael Fritz, CPA
Chair 2021-2022

Gearing Up for 2022 Sessions

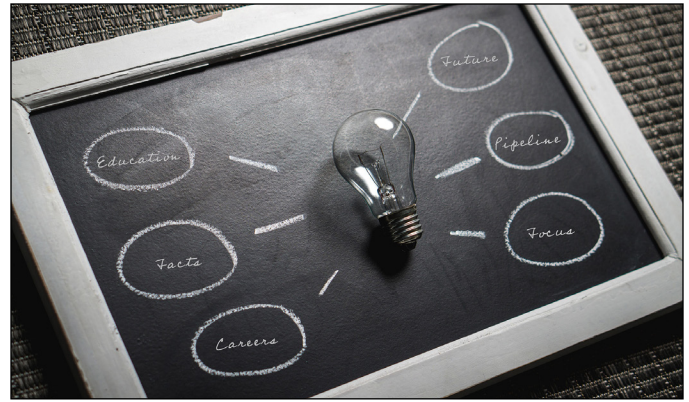
With 39 of the 51 jurisdictions convening in January (Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Texas do not have a regular session in even-numbered years), NASBA has already been monitoring pre-filed legislation for 2022. In addition, 26 legislatures work within the framework of a two-year cycle, allowing them to carry over legislation. For example, 78 de-regulation bills monitored by NASBA and filed in 2021 can potentially carry over to 2022 sessions. NASBA, along with [ARPL partners](#), will be monitoring these and any new de-regulation bills filed in 2022, and assisting state partners to defeat or amend legislation as needed.



To review legislation of interest to a Board of Accountancy, [CLICK HERE](#). Once on the Legislative Tracking home page, using graphs and maps, plus descriptive text, the page clearly displays not only what issues are being raised in various states directly impacting State Boards of Accountancy, but also spotlights trends in legislation that other professions are encountering. Users can filter bills to focus on specific topics such as: deregulation, marijuana, digital currencies, and tax preparers. ♦

Key Person Contact

NASBA's Key Person Contact (KPC) program identifies Board of Accountancy members and executive directors who have personal and/or professional relationships with those serving in state and federal legislatures – along with those serving in the executive branches of state government. These individuals can provide additional backing for the support or opposition of legislation affecting the regulation of the accounting profession and produce a coherent and cohesive network. The KPC program will serve as a nexus for transmitting information to legislators and reporting information about proposed or pending legislation to NASBA. [Click here to learn more.](#) ♦



Innovations in Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY) Internship and Education Program

Ellen Glazerman, Executive Director of the Ernst & Young Foundation and America's Director University Relations of EY, presented to NASBA Annual Meeting attendees on an innovative CPA candidate internship program, developed by EY, that allows students to close the 150-hour education requirement. Her agenda covered many facets of the program, including the environment, Career Path Accelerator elements, program design and the Career Path Accelerator pathway.

To begin, Glazerman explained the challenge: affordability and accessibility of the accounting profession for those who want to be CPA-eligible. Her solution is the EY Career Path Accelerator. EY is currently very interested and focused on helping people come through the CPA pipeline with the 150-hour requirement in place. The program is focused on candidates coming to EY without a master's degree, who seek to acquire the 150-hours in a nontraditional manner.

The program contains a number of components, including being affordable (need based financial aid for the program is available through the Ernst & Young Foundation), allowing students to jumpstart their career, offering appropriate and rigorous content, students gaining targeted skills and candidates obtaining credits that are accredited and portable. The EY Career Path Accelerator allows EY interns, who are not pursuing a master's degree, to earn their additional credit hour requirement for CPA licensure by leveraging EY's relationship with Hult International Business School.

The program does not compete with university accounting programs, as it does not include any accounting hours. In fact, EY emphasizes to candidates that they must get their accounting hours through their undergraduate institution. Rather, the program focuses on targeted skills, the business and elective hours.

When a student begins the program, they must sign-up for one of three credit packages. To be eligible, students must have completed or will have completed all accounting course requirements to sit for the Exam, made the decision to not get a master's degree and are responsible for knowing and obtaining all state requirements to sit for the Exam. Included in the program is learning and assessments, a winter or summer internship and a Capstone project. To learn more about EY's internship program, visit <https://www.ey.com/en-us/careers/internships>. ♦

PAST CHAIR'S MEMO

Onward & Upward as We Persevere!

My year as chair of the NASBA Board of Directors has reached an end. It is difficult for me to acknowledge that 12 months have passed since my virtual inauguration last November. I deeply regret that we were deprived of the satisfaction received from attending our Regional and Annual conferences. Let's face it, Zoom is not, and never will be, a substitute for personal contact.

Our theme for 2021 is "Persevere," which describes NASBA's continued work despite obstacles and discouragement brought on by the pandemic. Regardless of the unfortunate reality, we have all survived the past two years and much has been accomplished as NASBA continues to persevere to fulfill our mission to you, our Boards of Accountancy.

CPA Evolution, an initiative which began under my predecessor, Laurie Tish, is still "front and center" as a priority for the profession. Although the journey we have been on in partnership with the AICPA, to revamp and modernize our professional licensure model is not over, there have been some positive accomplishments in this area this past year. Last fall, the AICPA and NASBA established four joint task forces comprised of volunteer subject matter experts from the academic community and CPAs from professional practice, business and industry, to develop the CPA Evolution Model Curriculum that the academic community could use as a tool to update their current accounting programs. Their work culminated 6-months later in a launch event hosted this past June by the American Accounting Association, that attracted over 2000 attendees. We continue our joint efforts with the AICPA to inform academic and student communities about forthcoming changes to the Uniform CPA Exam. In fact, surveys were sent out to accounting program chairs, educators, and students to provide important information on our joint efforts as we move toward implementation of a new Exam model in early 2024.

Legislatively, 2022 will likely be another busy year for John Johnson, Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs. During the last legislative session, NASBA identified and tracked some 228 pieces of deregulation bills. We can anticipate five to ten jurisdictions will have some form of deregulation bills filed next year in 2022. In addition, there is rollover legislation from 2021 that will also affect several states. This legislation will adversely affect the CPA profession across all jurisdictions. We will be working hard to ensure this does not happen. Our partnership with the AICPA and other professions to establish the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL) will continue to ensure our states have the tools necessary to provide talking points, suggested amendments and other research to our state partners to better inform state lawmakers that the CPA profession must and should be viewed and treated differently because we are a technical, licensed and learned profession. We are not an occupation that would warrant wholesale deregulation.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was one of the key issues I proposed when I became NASBA chair, and it will also be one for my successor, Mike Fritz. During my inaugural address, I shared, "The challenge that diversity presents is one that begins with a willingness to have a conversation and to understand and accept that there are differences that exist among us, and that these differences should be viewed as tools to strengthen us, not to divide us."

As our population grows and becomes more diverse, it is extremely important for our profession to reach out and attract qualified women and minorities to become CPAs. Efforts must be made, not only to encourage the study of accounting to a young, more diverse population - adding help to the pipeline - but also to afford opportunities in management and governance, in both private and public sectors.

There has been positive movement in the makeup of our state boards to be more inclusive and diverse. I have participated in our regional calls and heard the discussions by our state boards as they tackle diversity and inclusion in their board makeup. I am pleased to hear that the "conversation" that I mentioned earlier is happening. Currently, only seven percent of our state boards currently lack women representation, which is a positive step. But it might surprise you to know that over 40% of our boards still have no minority representation, which confirms that more effort is needed in making our state boards reflect the licensees they regulate. I challenge you to consider giving opportunities to those who may be overlooked or marginalized, as their contributions to our profession may surprise you.

During my term, I had the pleasure of chairing the Strategic Planning Task Force. Like most well run organizations, a good deep dive into our mission and objectives is necessary to keep NASBA on track and responsive to all our stakeholders. I assembled a very diverse group of 15 individuals, men, women, and persons of color, from all eight NASBA regions to unite and evaluate our current Strategic Plan. The process spanned 7-months, starting in December and concluding this past June. We looked at the guiding mission, vision, and values of our organization, and evaluated our objectives and determined whether they were truly measurable to ensure that the services we provide were purposeful and meaningful for our member boards. The process was tedious and demanded much thought and effort, and no stone was left unturned. The Board adopted this new and improved Strategic Plan at its July Board of Directors meeting.

Finally, I want to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to those of you who unselfishly gave of your time to serve on a NASBA committee or were our representative on a joint committee with the AICPA. Without you, the work that is so important to the profession and to the regulation of our profession could not be possible. To the leadership and staff of NASBA, my heartfelt thanks go to you for everything you do, and for helping me fulfill my role as chair. It is because of you that NASBA remains "Mission Driven - Member Focused."



A. Carlos Barrera
Chair 2020-21

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— A. Carlos Barrera, CPA
Chair 2020-2021



Harris, Ross and Ley Receive Honors

Mark P. Harris, CPA (LA), Randall A. Ross, CPA (OK) and Barbara A. Ley, CPA (OK) were honored as 2021 NASBA award recipients at the Annual Business Meeting on November 3.



Mark Harris

Mark P. Harris, NASBA Chair 2011-2012, was presented the William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award by Awards Committee

Chair Janice Gray. Harris

is credited with promoting increased communication and membership involvement within NASBA, spearheading the establishment NASBA's Diversity Task Force and Legislative Support Committee, and coining NASBA's Mission Driven, Member Focused motto. He served as co-chair of NASBA's Education Committee when the Accounting Education Research Grants Program was formed. Additionally, during Harris' term as chair, NASBA's mission was also broadened to include "advancing the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy."



Randall Ross

Randall A. Ross, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, was presented the Lorraine P.

Sachs Standard of Excellence Award by

Ms. Sachs, NASBA Executive Vice President Emerita. A former Executive Directors Committee chair and liaison to the NASBA Board of Directors, Ross is a member of NASBA's Legislative Support Committee, and a former member of NASBA's CBT Administration, Enforcement Resources, Executive Directors and Peer Review Compliance Committees, as well as the Joint ALD/ERC Subcommittee.



Barbara Ley

Barbara A. Ley received the NASBA Distinguished Service Award. Ley is a former chair of the CPA Examination Review Board (2016-2017),

a former Southwest

Region representative on NASBA's Nominating Committee, and a former member of NASBA's CPA Licensing Examinations and Education Committees. In addition, she is a former chair, vice chair, secretary and member of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, and a former president, treasurer, secretary, and member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA). Ms. Gray presented the Distinguished Service Award to Ms. Ley.

National Registry eSummit Explores Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity

Due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, NASBA's National Registry Summit was once again an eSummit, held virtually. During the September 2021 event, themed "Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity," two keynote speakers touched upon accessibility within educational environments and interaction with learners.

Kassy LaBorie, Principal Consultant, Consulting LLC, lead a presentation entitled, "Interact and Engage!" LaBorie began her presentation with a humorous video that shared her take-away message: Zoom as you'd be Zoomed to. She shared with eSummit attendees that as a new era in business emerges, now is an opportune time to work on making meetings and trainings better than they have been before. Should you find yourself required to give a lecture, a great way to boost interaction is to challenge participants to write test questions. When sharing the questions, create friendly competition between the author and respondents. To hear more from LaBorie, visit kassyconsulting.com.

Additionally, Lainey Feingold spoke to attendees about the Americans with Disabilities Act and learning providers' responsibility to ensure accessible quality education for CPE is being provided. Elizabeth Wolfe, NASBA Regulatory Counsel, also spoke about the updates to rules in the states and jurisdictions.



National
Registry
eSummit
September 14, 2021

Waves of Change... Oceans of Opportunity

This topic is always of relevance with Registry sponsors.

John Pytel, co-founder and chief executive officer of Conferences i/o, presented on the benefits of this learning tool. Discussing the future of CPE technology, Pytel made sure to incorporate Conferences i/o into his brief but well-thought-out presentation. Starting as an engagement tool in 2013 for live events, Conferences i/o evolved into a more robust tool. NASBA has used this tool for its group live requirements for engagement, Q & A and session evaluations.

To conclude the eSummit, NASBA Associate Director-National Registry Jessica Luttrull took on the "Ask NASBA" segment of the program and answered many questions regarding the *Standards*. ♦

New PCAOB Appointments

The Securities and Exchange Commission recently announced the appointments of Erica Y. Williams as chairperson and Christina Ho, Kara M. Stein, and Anthony (Tony) C. Thompson as Board members of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). The Commission confirmed that Duane DesParte will continue his service as a Board member and will remain acting chairperson until Williams begins her term.

"The PCAOB was formed in response to a crisis of confidence in the corporate disclosures of issuers after the WorldCom and Enron accounting scandals nearly 20 years ago. Finance is about trust, and the PCAOB has a critical role to play in ensuring that public company financial disclosures can be trusted by investors," said SEC Chair Gary Gensler. "With these additions to the Board, the PCAOB will have the leadership to meet the mission given to it by Congress. Erica, Christina, Kara, and Tony have demonstrated deep commitment to public service. They will represent the interests of investors and the public at the PCAOB. I would like to thank Duane DesParte for his valuable service as acting chairperson during the last several months, and I am pleased that he will stay on as a key member of the Board."

According to the PCAOB website, it is a nonprofit corporation established by Congress to oversee the audits of public companies in order to protect investors and further the public interest in the preparation of informative, accurate, and independent audit reports. The PCAOB also oversees the audits of brokers and dealers, including compliance reports filed pursuant to federal securities laws.

The New Appointments:

Erica Y. Williams served many roles at the SEC for over a decade, including managing legal and operational functions and workflow relating to recommendations from the Division of Enforcement and Office of Compliance, Inspections and Examinations (now Division of Examinations) and served as deputy chief of staff to three former SEC chairs and assistant chief litigation counsel in the SEC's Division of Enforcement trial unit. Following her time at the SEC, Williams served as special assistant and associate counsel to President Obama, specifically focusing

on financial and economic policy issues.

Duane M. DesParte has served as the PCAOB's acting chairperson since June 2021. Following his retirement from the Exelon Corporation, DesParte joined the Board as its chief accounting officer, corporate controller and other financial roles for almost two decades. He graduated with highest honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. in accountancy.

Christina Ho has nearly three decades of experience in public finance, policy development, accounting and auditing, disclosure modernization, data analytics, and technology innovation. Ho previously served as the deputy assistant secretary for Financial Transparency & Accounting Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, as controller and interim chief financial officer for the University of Maryland College Park and held senior positions with the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Deloitte & Touche LLP. Most recently, she served as vice president of Government Analytics and Innovation at Elder Research.

Kara M. Stein served as a commissioner of the SEC from 2013 to 2019. Today, she serves as a distinguished policy fellow and lecturer-in-law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and is director of the AI, Data, and Capital Markets Initiative at the Center on Innovation, University of California Hastings Law. She previously served as senior policy advisor for securities and banking matters for U.S. Senator Jack Reed and Majority Staff Director of the Securities, Insurance, and Investment Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Stein earned a J.D. from Yale Law School and a B.A. from Yale College.

Anthony (Tony) C. Thompson has held senior positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as chief financial officer for a number of U.S. Air Force Bases and served in the United States Air Force for over three decades, reaching the rank of Colonel and serving as the chief budget officer. He serves as the executive director and chief administrative officer of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), where he oversees the Division of Administration. Thompson earned a B.S. from Regis University, an M.B.A. from Golden Gate University and an M.S. from Air War College. ♦

NASBA Committee Interest Draws Record Response

Each year, NASBA appoints state board members to serve on more than 20 committees and task forces. These groups position members and staff to strategically address current and emerging issues impacting the regulation of the accounting profession. According to NASBA Chair W. Michael Fritz, the 2021 committee interest period resulted in a record number of applications received from NASBA membership. In fact, the overwhelming response resulted in an increase in the size of select committees to accommodate appointments of all board members. Below, is a listing of 2021-22 NASBA Committee chairs. [CLICK HERE](#) to view a complete listing of committee rosters for 2021-22.

Committee	Committee Chair	Committee	Committee Chair
Administration and Finance Committee	Tyrone E. Dickerson (VA)	Executive Directors Committee	Kent Absec (ID)
Audit Committee	Michael Schmitz (ND)	International Qualifications Appraisal Board	Sharon A. Jensen (MN)
Awards Committee	Laurie J. Tish (WA)	Legislative Support Committee	John F. Dailey, Jr. (NJ)
Bylaws Committee	Jimmy E. Burkes (MS)	Nominating Committee	A. Carlos Barrera (TX)
CBT Administration Committee	Nancy J. Corrigan (CA)	Past Chair Advisory Council	A. Carlos Barrera (TX)
Communications Committee	Faye D. Miller (ND)	Peer Review Compliance Committee	Maria E. Caldwell (FL)
Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Committee	Katrina Salazar (CA)	Regulatory Response Committee	Stephen F. Langowski (NY)
CPA Examination Review Board	Ruben A. Davila (CA)	Relations with Member Boards Committee	Kenya Y. Watts (OH)
Diversity Committee	Alison L. Houck Andrew (DE)	Standard-Setting and Professional Trends Advisory Committee	Nicola Neilon (NV)
Education Committee	Jason D. Peery (ID)	State Society Relations Committee	Jeannine Birmingham (AL)
Enforcement Resources Committee	Lynn V. Hutchinson (LA)	Uniform Accountancy Act Committee	Stephanie M. Saunders (VA)
Ethics Committee	J. Coalter Baker (TX)		

Grant to Fund Pipeline Focused Research

Having received the approval of the NASBA Board of Directors at its October 2021 meeting, the NASBA Education Committee will award an Accounting Education Research Grant in the amount of \$4,500 to the research team of Tristan B. Johnson (University of South Alabama) and D. Shawn Mauldin (Mississippi State University). Their project titled, "Will CPA Evolution Increase the Attractiveness of the Accounting Profession to Students with Higher Analytical and Technological Skills?" is focused on the CPA Pipeline, which remains a relevant and timely topic of discussion among NASBA and Boards of Accountancy.

This grant marks the second award presented to a research team in 2021. In August, the Education Committee awarded a research grant to a team from Clark Atlanta University for their project titled, "Do the program curriculum, faculty characteristics,

and support association at Minority Serving Institutions contribute to achieving CPA certification?"

Since 2011, the program has awarded over \$174,500 in support of academic research nationwide. The 2022 Call for Proposals is open now through 11:59 p.m. CT on March 11, 2022. Post-doctoral researchers and professors seeking funding are encouraged to submit grant proposals for consideration prior to the deadline. Grant recipients will be announced in summer 2022.

For additional information (including a full program description, eligibility requirements, research topics and details on past recipients), [CLICK HERE](#). For questions regarding the program, email: grantproposal@nasba.org. ♦



2022 CONFERENCE CALENDAR

NASBA



40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND BOARD STAFF

April 25-27, 2022 Clearwater Beach, FL



27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY LEGAL COUNSEL

April 25-27, 2022 Clearwater Beach, FL



WESTERN REGIONAL MEETING

June 7-9, 2022 Colorado Springs, CO



EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING

June 27-29, 2022 White Sulphur Springs, WV



115TH NASBA ANNUAL MEETING

October 30 - November 2, 2022 San Diego, CA
Tentative



TEXAS STATE BOARD REPORT

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NEWS & UPDATES

Licensing Fees Explained

Effective September 1, 2021, the overall license renewal fee was reduced from \$75 to \$70. The revised \$70 fee includes the individual license fee of \$60 (decreased from \$65), plus the legislatively mandated \$10 fee for the fifth-year accounting students scholarship program. The Board is self-sustaining. All direct and indirect costs must be paid from what it collects in license renewal fees, firm registrations, exam fees, sponsor registrations, and other collections.

The following table can be used as a general guide, but your individual fees may vary depending on your specific circumstances, the timing of your previous payments, and your current status with the Board. Please refer to your online services at <http://www.tsbpa.texas.gov> to check your specific status.

FEES FOR ACTIVE LICENSE HOLDERS	Fees as of 9/1/2021	Reference Rule
Individual annual license (includes \$10 scholarship fee)	\$70.00	§521.1
Individual annual license (Retired or Disabled Status)	\$15.00	§521.8
Firm annual license*	\$60.00/office*	§521.13
Transfer out of Texas exam credits	\$40.00	§521.7
Replacement certificate	\$50.00	§521.11
Certification by an out-of-state CPA to Texas by reciprocity	\$100.00	§521.3

*In addition to the annual fee per office, an organization fee based on the count of CPAs and non-CPA owners for each registered firm will also apply per the following schedule. Please refer to Rule §521.13 for detailed instructions:

CPAs and Non-CPA Firm Owners	Fee Per Individual
1	\$ 0.00
2 to 5	\$10.00
6 to 9	\$15.00
10 to 49	\$20.00
50 or more	\$25.00

MISCELLANEOUS FEES	Fees as of 9/1/2021	Reference Rule
Duplication and other charges and refund of Board fees	As determined	§521.6
Letters of good standing	No charge	—
Supervision verification	No charge	—

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CALENDAR

Swearing-In Ceremony
Saturday, December 4, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Palmer Events Center
Austin, TX

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy publishes the *Board Report* four times a year for its licensees.

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) SPONSORS
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING REVIEW (as of October 8, 2021)**

Registration Status: A = Currently active E = Currently expired

Sponsor #	Sponsor Name	Date of Next Review	Status
006244	American Center for Continuing Professional Education	10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024	A
009686	Association of Government Accountants - El Paso Chapter	03/01/2023 - 02/28/2024	A
010535	Atwood & McCall PLLC	06/01/2023 - 05/31/2024	A
002384	Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	A
000875	Brown, Graham & Co., PC	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
004813	Chapman, Hext & Co., P.C.	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	A
010546	CoServ	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
010106	Education Service Center Region 13	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
009617	Federated Hermes Inc	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
001689	Gollob Morgan Peddy, PC	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
010541	Haynie & Company	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
003072	Hess Corporation	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
006546	Human Dynamics	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
001021	Institute of Management Accountants - Dallas Fort Worth Chapter	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	A
003036	International Tax Forum of Houston Inc	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	E
005614	ISM - Rio Grande Valley	06/01/2023 - 05/31/2024	A
010549	Just Energy Group Inc.	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
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009633	Opportune L.L.P.	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	A
003553	Sysco Corporation	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
009746	The MB Group, LLC	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
009626	TXCPA Central Texas	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
010100	Vistage - Dallas	07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	A
003612	Whitley Penn, LLP	08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024	A
010114	William B. Larson, CPA, LLC	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024	A

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Fingerprint-Based Background Check Updates

If you have not already completed the fingerprint-based background check, Senate Bill 297 extended the deadline for Texas CPAs to September 1, 2022. Licensees who hold the retired or disabled status with the Board do not need to get fingerprinted, unless they return to active status. Check your fingerprinting status or learn how to complete this requirement by following the instructions on your account page after logging in to [Online Services](#).

Update Your Email and Mailing Addresses!

You can update your email and mailing addresses any time in your online account through [Online Services](#). If you do not keep your contact information current, you will miss out on time-sensitive information related to your license renewal and ongoing Board communications. ■

Texas CPA Exam Pipeline Data

The Texas Board examined its data to determine “slippage,” which is the correlation between the number of applicants who completed all sections of the CPA Exam and the number of individuals that become Texas CPAs. The TSBPA found only nominal differences between the number of applicants who completed all sections of the Exam one year and the number of newly licensed CPAs the following year (excluding licensure by reciprocity), after the opportunity for one year of work experience. In fact, in some subsequent years the number of newly licensed CPAs actually increased (see table below). We believe this reveals a connection between Texas CPA Exam eligibility requirements and the CPAs who get certified the year after they pass the Exam. In Texas, you must complete 150 semester hours before you can take the Exam. Additionally, you must have one year of work experience to be certified.

Our average processing time for a new Application of Intent is two weeks. We have a 90-day eligibility period to take the CPA Exam. Our short eligibility period prevents procrastination and keeps the Exam at the forefront of candidates' busy schedules. We also send frequent informative emails and reminders to candidates throughout every step of the process. For more information, please contact Qualifications Director Donna Hiller: directorexam@tsbpa.texas.gov.

Fiscal Year	Passed All Sections	Submitted Issuance Applications	Certified as a CPA
FY 2011	1,776	1,887	1,858
FY 2012	2,005	1,749	1,782
FY 2013	1,744	1,652	1,655
FY 2014	1,821	1,770	1,770
FY 2015	1,829	1,740	1,750
FY 2016	1,978	1,844	1,842
FY 2017	1,625	1,806	1,811
FY 2018	1,716	1,727	1,725
FY 2019	2,276	1,770	1,746
FY 2020	1,628	1,730	1,661
FY 2021	1,892	1,694	1,729

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Ratified at the September 16, 2021 Board Meeting

A. AGREED CONSENT ORDER

BEHAVIORAL ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

- **Investigation No.: 21-03-12L**
Respondent: Ruth Lydia Elizondo Pavon
Hometown: El Paso, TX
Certificate No.: 094007
Rule Violations: 501.76, 501.81, 501.90(12)
Act Violation: 901.502(6)

Respondent entered into an agreed consent order (ACO) with the Board whereby Respondent was reprimanded and ordered to pay a \$2,500 administrative penalty and \$529.72 in administrative costs within 30 days of the date of the Board Order.

Respondent failed to provide copies of client records upon request, failed to respond to a client's inquiries and practiced public accountancy through an unregistered entity. ■

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Continuing Professional Education Actions

The respondents listed below were not in compliance with the Board's continuing professional education (CPE) requirements as of the date of the Board meeting. Each respondent was suspended for the earlier of a period of three years, or until the respondent complies with the licensing requirements of the Act. Additionally, a \$100 penalty was imposed for each year the respondent continues to be in non-compliance with the Board's CPE requirements. The respondents were found to be in violation of Board Rule 523.111 (*Required CPE Reporting*) and 501.94 (*Mandatory Continuing Professional Education*), as well as Section 901.411 (CPE) of the Act.

Respondent / Location	Board Date
Deann Allen, Junction, TX	09/16/2021
William Edward Allen III, Keller, TX	09/16/2021
Karen Ellen Peters Anderson, Arlington, TX	09/16/2021
William Edward Bader, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Suzanne Elizabeth Barrett, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Claudine Marie Bhandari, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Weldon Leonard Biles Jr., Mesquite, TX	09/16/2021
Boamah Boachie, Cross Roads, TX	09/16/2021
Harold Keith Borchardt, Katy, TX	09/16/2021
Justin Cole Boyd, Arkansas City, KS	09/16/2021
Michael Austin Bryan, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Lawrence Mitchell Caplan, Porter, TX	09/16/2021
Barbara Jean Cavallo, Spring, TX	09/16/2021
Xiaoqing Chen, Sugar Land, TX	09/16/2021
Edwin Allen Durham Clark, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Mark Andrew Cullins, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Jeffrey Don Davis, Prosper, TX	09/16/2021
Charles Francis Dallas De Tarr, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Mark L. Evans, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Ronald Marcus Foster, Katy, TX	09/16/2021
Amanda Danielle Garcia, Bedford, TX	09/16/2021
Kate Angela Gay, Rockwall, TX	09/16/2021
Daniel Read Genzer, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Edward Noble Goldsberry, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Bernise Gonzalez-McCune, Little Elm, TX	09/16/2021
Lashonte Rene Greene, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Kimberly Ann Harper, Fort Worth, TX	09/16/2021
Denise Jacobson Hendrix, Atlanta, GA	09/16/2021
Rhonda L. Hohertz-Covarrubias, Kingsbury, TX	09/16/2021
Bradley Ray Hollingsworth, Spring, TX	09/16/2021
Kwang Jin Hwang, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Daryl Mark Jones, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Leticia Garcia Joyce, Cypress, TX	09/16/2021
Robert Joseph Kelly, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Page Michele Kemp, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Michele Marie King, Savannah, TX	09/16/2021
Krysti Lyn Knight, Santa Fe, TX	09/16/2021
Lee Ann Kroon, Spring, TX	09/16/2021
Steven Lance, Plano, TX	09/16/2021
Jessica Ann Lane, Denver, CO	09/16/2021
Irina A. Lavrentieva, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Lana Kay Lawrence, Ennis, TX	09/16/2021
Cecilia Ping-Yi Lee, McKinney, TX	09/16/2021
Brittany Lorraine Lefler, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
David Alan Lofquist, Fort Worth, TX	09/16/2021
Ann Elaine Maniha, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Ryan Gentry Millar, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Amy Jinjin Yang Nguyen, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Carla Dawn Haddock Nims, Galveston, TX	09/16/2021
Chiwendu Carl Nnaji, Sugar Land, TX	09/16/2021
Sharon Norwood, San Antonio, TX	09/16/2021
Huy Xuan Pham, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
James Earl Pool, Richardson, TX	09/16/2021
Renell J. Araniador Provide, The Woodlands, TX	09/16/2021
Kyle Gregory Redman, Lewisville, TX	09/16/2021
David Paul Richardson, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Russell Allan Riker, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Jessie Rodriguez III, Port Lavaca, TX	09/16/2021
Paul Alan Rubin, Round Rock, TX	09/16/2021
Aeden Roland Sangka, Frisco, TX	09/16/2021
Charles Brett Scarbrough, Fort Worth, TX	09/16/2021
Richard Lee Scheel, Lexington, TX	09/16/2021
Kelly Edwards Simmons, San Antonio, TX	09/16/2021
Kristie Kay Steffek, Missouri City, TX	09/16/2021
Michael Lee Styles, Wichita Falls, TX	09/16/2021
Blake Elliot Teiber, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Barbara J. Vander, San Antonio, TX	09/16/2021
Jacob Lee Vernier, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Jennifer Watson Vicari, Arlington, TX	09/16/2021
Craig Alan Wendt, Katy, TX	09/16/2021
Eric Clayton Weynand, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Eric Arnold Williams, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Manjun Zhao, Frisco, TX	09/16/2021
Christian Thomas Zimmerman, Dripping Springs, TX	09/16/2021

Three-Year Delinquent Actions

The respondents listed below violated *Section 901.502(4)* of the *Act* when they failed to pay license fees for three consecutive license periods. The certificate of each respondent was revoked without prejudice as the respondent was not in compliance as of the Board meeting date. Each respondent may regain his or her certificate by paying all the required license fees and late fees and by otherwise coming into compliance with the *Act*.

Respondent / Location	Board Date
Travonte Antonio Aldrich, Charlotte, NC	09/16/2021
Janet Sue Andersen, Gladewater, TX	09/16/2021
Mary Nell Ard, Waco, TX	09/16/2021
William Lawrence Auvenshine, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Kathryn M. Barton, New York, NY	09/16/2021
Mark Dean Becker, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Larry Paul Bell, Georgetown, TX	09/16/2021
David Barton Blacklock, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
James Michael Booth, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Douglas Christie Bunnell, St. Augustine, FL	09/16/2021
Meredith Adria Burkett, Evans, GA	09/16/2021
John Michael Carmena, Fort Worth, TX	09/16/2021
Hui Ho Chin, Cupertino, CA	09/16/2021
Augustine G. Cochrane, Quispamsis, Canada	09/16/2021
Robert Wayne Collier, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Raymond Thomas Cox, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Lincoln Graham Donaldson, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Philip David Drake, Phoenix, AZ	09/16/2021
Tracy M. Frankowski, Irving, TX	09/16/2021
Katherine Frazier, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Donn M. Fuller, Murphy, TX	09/16/2021
Mark Edmund George, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Jennifer A. Grasso, Brighton, MA	09/16/2021
Robert H. Hackett, Tyler, TX	09/16/2021
Deborah T. Hakert, Canyon Lake, TX	09/16/2021
David Donaldson Hale, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Nicholas Benjamin Hallman, Plano, TX	09/16/2021
Elizabeth Anne Hanlon, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Kevin Gene Harrell, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Walter Heller, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Malcolm Kay Hensley, Georgetown, TX	09/16/2021
Michael Don Herrington, Breckenridge, TX	09/16/2021
Marc Leslie Hicks, Euless, TX	09/16/2021
William Douglas Higdon, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Frances Gail Lowe Hodges, Smyrna, GA	09/16/2021
Tommy Ray Holamon, Denton, TX	09/16/2021
Stephanie S. Holzhauser, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
John William Howard, Tomball, TX	09/16/2021
Deborah Lynn Rutan Huff, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Jimmy Celynn Hughes, Burleson, TX	09/16/2021
Jeanine Elaine Hutchens, Spicewood, TX	09/16/2021
Melvin John Keizer, Mansfield, TX	09/16/2021
Janine Carson Koch, The Woodlands, TX	09/16/2021
Robert Joseph Kram, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Fabio La Mola, Singapore, Singapore	09/16/2021
Brian Derek Lacroix, Merrimac, MA	09/16/2021
Meimay Liu Law, New York, NY	09/16/2021
Kevin Man Kong Leung, Shatin Nt, Hong Kong	09/16/2021
Mallory Nicolette Lewin, Chicago, IL	09/16/2021
Christopher Robert Madison, Ridgeland, MS	09/16/2021
Eric Thomas Matthews, Charlotte, NC	09/16/2021
Bryan Paul Mauk, Ashland, KY	09/16/2021
Teresa Midyett McCastlain, League City, TX	09/16/2021
Melanie Jane McDaniel, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Jeffrey Elliott McFelea, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Charles Joseph McNally Jr., Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Zachary Robert McRay, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
John Wayne Mefford, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Carie Ruth Morgan, Torrance, CA	09/16/2021
Tara Taranto Muller, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Brian Robert Murdock, Niles, MI	09/16/2021
Linda Kaye Nicholson, Mabank, TX	09/16/2021
Brian King O'Neil, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
James Henry Parker, South Padre Island, TX	09/16/2021
Lorie Kingsbury Peetz, Corpus Christi, TX	09/16/2021
Mary Helen Walther Peikert, Athens, TX	09/16/2021
John Sigmund Perlowski, Midlothian, TX	09/16/2021
Gregory Francis Peterek, Gonzales, TX	09/16/2021
Gopalakrishnan Kochukunju Pillai, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Ramesh Pillai, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Beverly Marleah Randon, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Randall Merrill Reid, McKinney, TX	09/16/2021
Robert Dean Renkes, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Andrea Wertz Rice, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Sharon Roland Rudd, Flower Mound, TX	09/16/2021
Mohammed Taha Salahuddin, Cypress, TX	09/16/2021
Henry Alfred Scheel, Edmond, OK	09/16/2021
Ralph Jack Shapiro, Beverly Hills, CA	09/16/2021

Respondent / Location

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Alvin L. Shields, Benbrook, TX	09/16/2021
Charles Andrew Smith, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Douglas Harvey Smith, Richmond, TX	09/16/2021
Geraldine Gigi Smith, New Rochelle, NY	09/16/2021
Laura Mahrokh Smith, Fulshear, TX	09/16/2021
Billy W. Sparks, Pearland, TX	09/16/2021
Tara Spencer, Mukilteo, WA	09/16/2021
Alberta Mae Tabony, Greenfield, MA	09/16/2021
Jill Jacqueline Meznar Thompson, DPO, AA	09/16/2021
Linyuan Tian, Walnut Creek, CA	09/16/2021
Cynthia Jean Tracewell, Southlake, TX	09/16/2021
Emmett Dewey Trussell, Aledo, TX	09/16/2021
Laurel Lyn Varney, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Jennifer Bedgood Von Drechsel, Commerce, TX	09/16/2021
Gary Gene Walker, McKinney, TX	09/16/2021
Rou Weng, Beijing, China	09/16/2021
William Lloyd West, San Antonio, TX	09/16/2021
Jay Clifford Whitt, Tomball, TX	09/16/2021
Penny Gaye Sanford Wilson, Trinidad, TX	09/16/2021
Deward Dale Wofford, Frisco, TX	09/16/2021
Linda Sue Woodson, Hutto, TX	09/16/2021
Jerry Lee Zamzow, Houston, TX	09/16/2021

Failure to Renew Actions

The respondents listed below failed to complete their license renewal notices in accordance with Board *Rule 515.3*. The certificates of the Respondents were revoked for failing to complete their license renewal applications until such time as the Respondents come into compliance with the *Rules* and the *Act*.

Respondent / Location	Board Date
Eric Wayne Cannon, Lewisville, TX	09/16/2021
Yolanda L. Coronel-Armenta, San Diego, CA	09/16/2021
Dustin Carlyle Earnest, Texarkana, TX	09/16/2021
Charles Morton Fuller, Austin, TX	09/16/2021
Chew Hoon Guan, Plano, TX	09/16/2021
Adriana Giselle Jennings, Boulder, CO	09/16/2021
Paul Francis Kane, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Georgine Ellen Muntz, Colleyville, TX	09/16/2021
Thomas Kelly Niland, Pearland, TX	09/16/2021
Sandra L. Shaw, Rockledge, FL	09/16/2021
John Charles Sherwood, Richardson, TX	09/16/2021
Therese Tang, Houston, TX	09/16/2021
Leslie Renae Cowden Torres, Dallas, TX	09/16/2021
Roxane Marie Sims Voorhies, Baton Rouge, LA	09/16/2021
Mary Robson Weiss, Richardson, TX	09/16/2021
Brian Jason Youngblood, Richardson, TX	09/16/2021

Agency Referral Training

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA) Enforcement Division hosted an outreach training referral program for state agencies on September 29. The purpose of the training was to encourage state agencies to recognize deficient financial statements prepared by external CPAs and subsequently refer them to the TSBPA for review. The training concentrated on common problems with financial statements, licensing and peer review requirements, as well as the referral process of substandard work by outside CPA firms for review by the TSBPA. The training had 85 participants and was organized by TSBPA Staff Attorney John Moore. Speakers included Presiding Officer Manuel "Manny" Cavazos IV, Esq., CPA; Technical Standards Review Committee Chair Debra Seefeld, CPA; Technical Standards Review Committee Advisory Member Dilliana Stewart, CPA; Executive Director William Treacy; and General Counsel Jerry Hill, Esq. A total of 21 state agencies were represented at the training. ■

In Memoriam

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Thomas Oliver Bailey, Dallas
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Troy Winston Behringer, The Woodlands
Stephen Dudley Belcher, Plano
John Clyde Belsly, Mansfield
Dennis Jefferson Bender, Apalachin
Walter Emerson Benson, San Antonio
Raymond Edward Blevins, Tyler
Kay Birkelbach Boatman, Georgetown
Joe Dell Bullock, Fort Worth
Randolph Peyton Burch, Houston
Patricia K. Lake Cady, New Waverly
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David Frederick Cary, Dallas
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Jennie D. Compton, Tulsa
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William Reade Corr, San Francisco
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Paul Allan Davidson, Allen
Barbara Jan Davis, Granbury
Kenneth Lee Decker, Houston
Edwin Walter Dentler, Victoria
John Gerard Doherty, Houston
Stephen Richard Dols, Houston
Daniel John Downs, Levelland
James L. Dunn, Houston
Yvonne Eixmann, New Braunfels
Elizabeth Kelso Runnion Feik, Arlington
Joachim Sam Fernandi, San Antonio
Jack Edward Finley, Raleigh
Ronald Gene Fleming, Lubbock

Name / Location

Stephen Bailey Friedheim, Houston
Lisa Lindsey Fulmer, Dallas
Sharon Elizabeth Jones Fussell, Longview
Timothy Harvey Garvin, Waco
David V. Garza, Houston
Don Frederic Gaston, Greenwich
Marvin Orland Gilbert, Lubbock
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Maria Celida Alcaraz Hernandez, Lubbock
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David Benton Howells, Wichita Falls
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Douglas W. Jensen, College Station
Dale Patrick Johnson, Dallas
Karen Alaine Johnston, Willis
Kenneth Leslie Jones, Grand Prairie
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Robert Harvey Jones, Atlanta
Joanna Ching-Ping Jones, Allen
Eric Michael Kaalund, San Antonio
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Gregory Blaine Keys, Spring

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Name / Location

Delbert Henry Kleppe, Allen
Alvin Anthony Emil Kopecki, San Antonio
Gary Lee Kuecker, Friendswood
Rosemary Feise Kuhl, Fair Oaks Ranch
Dennis Jeryl Lacina, Miami
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Nnanna Joseph Njoku, Houston
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Rowland Dale Pattillo, Waco
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Charlene Marcell Black Richardson, Abilene
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Daniel Raymond Schomer, Houston
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Stephen Pape Schwall, Houston
Orgie Kenneth Shipman, Seymour
Danny Gene Simmons, Southlake
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Andrew Darcy Smith, Albuquerque
Jerry Allen Smith, Austin
Charles Ray Sparks, Hamilton
Eloise Webb Spears, Comfort
Renee Simone St. James, Austin
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Larry Allen Stapp, Midland
Donald Homer Stephens, Lamesa
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Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy



IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

The 2021-2022 paper Registration forms and online links are currently available on the [Registration page](#) of the Board's website. All CPAs, PAs, NLOs and Firms must submit a 2021-2022 Registration Form no later than December 31, 2021. Forms submitted after December 31, 2021 are subject to a late renewal penalty of \$100. Forms submitted after February 28, 2022 are subject to a late renewal penalty of \$500. Disciplinary action will be taken for anyone who has not registered after March 31, 2022. If you have any questions regarding CPE requirements, please email [Nicole Robinson](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Dr. Steve Grice is the Director of the Troy University School of Accountancy and the Botts Professor of Accounting. In addition to his long association with the accounting program at Troy University, he also served as the Director of the Master of Accounting program and a professor of accounting at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Grice is a native of Troy, Alabama and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration from Troy University, a Master of Accountancy from the University of Alabama and a Ph.D. in Financial Accounting from the University of Alabama.

With over 25 years of experience in academia, what has truly enhanced the success of Dr. Grice is his strong connection to the accounting profession. Prior to earning a Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Alabama, Dr. Grice was employed by the Accounting Firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers (Coopers & Lybrand legacy). In 2016, he was a gubernatorial appointment to serve on the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy and he was recently assigned to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Education committee for 2019-2020. Also, Steve has long held a scholar-in-residence position with Carr, Riggs and Ingram (CRI). In this role, he addresses technical accounting and auditing issues, develops continuing education courses,



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and works closely with both the quality control and CPE Committees. Dr. Grice designs and delivers professional education courses designed to continually enhance the technical skills of CRI's accounting and auditing teams across the South. He has taught more than 200 continuing professional education courses for the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA), Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA), and various CPA firms and organizations. He has received numerous profession-specific teaching awards, including the Alabama Society of CPAs Thomas A. Ratcliffe Outstanding Discussion Leader Award in 2002 and 2005.



This close connection with industry has positively impacted the quality of the accounting program at Troy University and enhanced his ability to connect with students in the classroom, as demonstrated by his numerous honors and teaching awards. Just this month, Dr. Grice was named the Sun Belt Conference Faculty Member of the Year, in recognition of his excellence in teaching and mentorship to student athletes at Troy University. Dr. Grice was the 2018-2019 Outstanding Accounting Educator awarded by the Alabama Society of CPAs. In 2011, Dr. Grice was the recipient of the UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2010 he was honored as the Beta Gamma Sigma Professor of Year and in 2008 he was the recipient of the Loudell Ellis Robertson Teaching Excellence Award, both at UAB. In 2003, he was honored as the first recipient of Troy University worldwide system Wallace D. Malone, Jr. Distinguished Faculty Award. In 1998, he was honored as

the Delta Sigma Pi Business Professor of the Year at Troy University.

Dr. Grice also excels in the publishing of impactful research to advance the body of knowledge of accounting education and practice. He has authored approximately 50 articles for various journals such as Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting, Journal of Business Research, Advances in Accounting, The CPA Journal, Practical Tax Strategies, Tennessee CPA, and Today's CPA.

"Dr. Steve Grice is a scholar and role model for our students," Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins said. "He has been recognized at the state and national levels for excellence in teaching, research and service, and sets the bar for all around faculty excellence at Troy University."

"The accolades I could share with you about Steve Grice are infinitum, from his second-to-none teaching quality, his leadership as Director of the School of Accountancy, all the excellent work done by his team to achieve specialized AACSB Accounting Accreditation in 2019, and on and on" said Dr. Judson Edwards, Dean of the Sorrell College of Business. "As alumni, we have a shared love for Troy University, and our friendship has meant so much to me over these many years. Though his impact on the accounting practice and education in Alabama is significant, to me, his professional success is the direct result of his strong faith in Jesus Christ, leading him to be the husband, father, mentor and friend that we all respect and admire."

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PLANNING FOR THE UNEXPECTED: PRACTICE CONTINUATION AGREEMENTS

***Preparing a practice continuation agreement requires time and effort,
but it is well worth the investment.***

Sawyer is an individual practitioner with one part-time employee who works only during tax season performing data entry. On March 1, Sawyer was in a car accident and could not work for two months. Sawyer did not have a practice continuation agreement (PCA) for the firm.

Last week, Taylor, who owns a small CPA firm that employs two CPAs and one accountant, had a heart

attack and died a week later. Taylor did not have a PCA or succession plan for the firm.

In a firm such as Sawyer's with a single CPA providing professional services, a PCA would have defined a CPA or CPA firm responsible for providing client services while Sawyer could not work.

A succession plan with practice continuity guidance would have eliminated the issues Taylor's employees faced during her illness, as well as the difficulties the executor of Taylor's estate (a local bank trust department) experienced settling the estate, including the CPA firm's assets.

Although Sawyer's and Taylor's situations are fiction, they are examples of events that negatively impact a CPA, the CPA's family, and the firm's clients and employees far too often.

The 2020 AICPA Public Company Practice Section (PCPS) Succession Planning Survey shows that just 6% of solo or sole practitioners have a written practice continuation plan agreement with another firm. The survey also shows that 26% of solo or sole practitioners plan to retire within the next five years.

If your firm does not have a PCA, the AICPA's *Practice Continuation Agreements: A Practice Survival Kit* is a step-by-step guide to creating an agreement that meets your firm's needs. Succession planning resources are available to AICPA PCPS members on the AICPA website, aicpa.org.

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PCA or Succession Plan?

The terms "practice continuation agreement" (PCA) and "succession plan" are often used interchangeably, but are they the same? For a sole practitioner, a PCA could be a contract between you and another CPA or CPA firm (the successor firm) wherein the successor firm agrees to take over your practice in the event of specific triggering events.

A triggering event could be a short or long-term disability, a service disruption (natural disaster or cyberattack), or death. The triggering event could be your retirement – an event that another firm would address in its succession plan. For multi-owner firms, a succession plan could stipulate how and when an owner would leave the firm.

Will owners transition from fulltime employment to part-time employment before retiring at a certain age? A multi-owner firm may include guidance for service disruptions in its succession plan, separate PCA, or "best practices" guide.

All CPA firms should have a written plan that adequately addresses the future; the name of the document is up to you.

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ASBPA STAFF NEWS

Changes are coming to the ASBPA staff in 2022. Effective January 1, 2022, Anna Baker will be retiring from her position as Exam Coordinator. Anna has served on the staff since January 18, 1989, seeing the exam through many changes. Anna began her tenure with the paper and pencil exam given at the Montgomery Civic Center twice a year. The exam then changed to the computerized exam in 2004 and finally to the current model of continuous testing for CPA candidates. Like the exam, Anna has seen many changes over the years. Hired under the first executive director, Boyd E. Nicholson, Jr., Anna worked under J. Lamar Harris and now D. Boyd Busby. Anna remembers issuing certificate number 5,000 and just issued certificate 14,447. As staff “Board historian,” Anna has been a wealth of knowledge. She will be greatly missed by the staff for her quick witty humor and her dedication in doing her job well.

Anna and husband Mike will be moving to the coast in the new year to be closer to their newly married daughter Lauren and son-in-law Cody. Their youngest daughter Lindsey, a senior at Troy University, will be moving south soon as well. Anna reflects, “It’s hard to summarize 33 years, but I would not change a thing. It has been a very rewarding experience. I will miss working with my State Board family and interacting with the candidates and CPAs.”

As Anna leaves, Alise Ellis, will become the new Exam Coordinator. Alise has been with the Board staff since August 2020 as the Executive Assistant and has been a wonderful addition to the team.



Anna Baker (3rd from left) with her family.

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to our team. Chequita Ross will be taking on Alise’s position as Executive Assistant on November 15, 2021. As Anna trains Alise, Alise will train Chequita for a smooth transition of duties.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

All meetings will be held in Montgomery, Alabama at the Board office unless noted otherwise on the Board’s website.

- November 16, 2021 –Board Office
- January 21, 2022 – Board Office
- May 13, 2022 – Board Office
- July 15, 2022 – Board Office
- September 16, 2022 – Board Office



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CPAS!

New CPAs Licensed May 20, 2021 - August 18, 2021

Date	License	Name	Date	License	Name
21-Sep-21	14382	Anne Lacey Ballard	29-Sep-21	14415	Arynn Mckenzie Sanders
21-Sep-21	14383	Abigail Leigh Brock	29-Sep-21	14416	Holly Elizabeth Schaefer
21-Sep-21	14384	Lindsey Lauren Chastain	29-Sep-21	14417	Matthew Ryan Shields
21-Sep-21	14385	Joshua Steven Fullenwider	29-Sep-21	14418	Henry Charles Winch
21-Sep-21	14386	Lacey Ann Harris	29-Sep-21	14419	Jay Alexander Babin
21-Sep-21	14387	Matthew Joseph Jardell	29-Sep-21	14420	Chiao Chen Kao
21-Sep-21	14388	William Andrew Jennings	29-Sep-21	14421	Hyung Ro Lee
21-Sep-21	14389	William Lanier Judy	29-Sep-21	14422-R	John Joseph Bozue Jr
21-Sep-21	14390	Mary Lee Livingston	29-Sep-21	14423-R	John Michael Calanog
21-Sep-21	14391	Avril Michelle McRae	29-Sep-21	14424-R	Allison Hill Cole
21-Sep-21	14392	Cyrus Darayas Patel	29-Sep-21	14425-R	Alexander J Kanaverskis
21-Sep-21	14393	James Eric Perry	29-Sep-21	14426-R	Brandon Thomas Powell
21-Sep-21	14394	Audrey Hofer Price	29-Sep-21	14427-R	Josh Lamon Smith
21-Sep-21	14395	Olivia Kathleen Vincent	7-Oct-21	14428	Madison Grace Bailey
21-Sep-21	14396	Anthony Cruze Vintson	7-Oct-21	14429	Caroline Olivia Jones
21-Sep-21	14397	William Bradly Kline	7-Oct-21	14430	Jerome Kenady Robinson
21-Sep-21	14398-R	Robert Marion Cannon	7-Oct-21	14431	Madeline Elizabeth Stephenson
21-Sep-21	14399-R	Amanda Catherine Hunt	7-Oct-21	14432-R	Maria Charalambous Athienitis
21-Sep-21	14400-R	Brandon Esmond McKinney	7-Oct-21	14433-R	Timothy Allen Hopkins
21-Sep-21	14401-R	Melissa Leanne Miller	7-Oct-21	14434-R	Marni Lanae Howard
21-Sep-21	14402-R	Jayde Ashtin Terrell	7-Oct-21	14435-R	Charles Wayne Montgomery
21-Sep-21	14403-R	Laura Jo Williams	7-Oct-21	14436-R	Ryan Daniel Privett
21-Sep-21	14404-R	Jennifer Rose Williamson	15-Oct-21	14437	Sydney Jane Fletcher
29-Sep-21	14405	Samuel Hills Allen	15-Oct-21	14438	Julia Wittichen Smith
29-Sep-21	14406	Bailey Elizabeth Beck	15-Oct-21	14439-R	Dennis Lee Edmondson
29-Sep-21	14407	Magnola Johnson Danley	15-Oct-21	14440-R	Michael Lloyd Gravois
29-Sep-21	14408	Matthew Patterson Hankins	15-Oct-21	14441-R	Elizabeth Adams Starling
29-Sep-21	14409	Ashley Kathleen Harper	21-Oct-21	14442	Quintin Jerome Bell
29-Sep-21	14410	Paul Roberts Lamb IV	21-Oct-21	14443	Robert Joseph Chapman
29-Sep-21	14411	Jacob Andrew Marsden	21-Oct-21	14444	Aaron Bradley Sanders
29-Sep-21	14412	Joseph Wiley Marsh	21-Oct-21	14445	Tanner Bryant Sims
29-Sep-21	14413	Jonathan Lee Rasberry	21-Oct-21	14446	Katie Marie Welch
29-Sep-21	14414	Curtis Grant Robinson	21-Oct-21	14447	Laina Carnes Bochette

Quick Guides

Visit the Board website and click on the “Quick Guides” tab at the top to find fast and helpful information to some of the most commonly asked questions.



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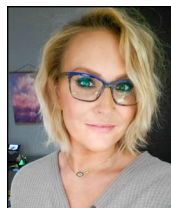
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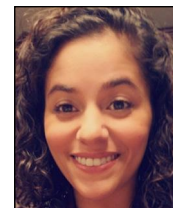
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CPA MATTERS

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Board's mission is to ensure that consumers of accounting services are protected by requiring CPAs and CPA firms to meet the highest level of professional competence.

Governor Mark Gordon

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BOARD CALENDAR

ALL BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

November 16, 2021 Virtual Meeting 1:00 p.m.
December 21, 2021 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
January 25, 2022 Casper, WY 10:00 a.m.
February 15, 2022 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
March 22, 2022 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
April no meeting due to tax deadline.
May 17, 2022 Casper, WY 10:00 a.m.
June 14, 2022 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
July 19, 2022 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
August 16, 2022 Casper, WY 10:00 a.m.
September 20, 2022 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
October no meeting due to tax deadline.
November 15, 2022 Casper, WY 10:00 a.m.
December 20, 2022 Virtual Meeting 10:00 a.m.

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Attention Now Open!

Certificates and Firm Permits Due for Renewal Open October 1st to December 31st

Beginning October 1st, certificate and firm permit holders will be able to renew certificates and firm permits using the Board's online renewal system OPAL.

The Board office notified all certificate and firm permit holders the renewal is available, via email messages this year, on October 1st. Instructions for the online renewal system can be found on our website under Renewal Information.

All certificates and firm permits must be renewed by 12/31/21. If you have questions regarding the online system, please contact the Board office at wycpaboard@wyo.gov or at 307-777-7551.

Rule Making

During its meeting on September 21, 2021, the Board took action to adopt rules for promulgation.

The official Statement of Principal Reasons, rules packet, and proposed rule changes can be found on the Wyoming Administrative Rules website at <https://rules.wyo.gov/>, as well as on the Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants website at <https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/wyoming-cpa/statute-rules?authuser=0>.

The Board is accepting comments from the public until December 24, 2021. Comments must be submitted in writing and can be sent via email to wycpaboard@wyo.gov or to the Board office at 325 W 18th St., Ste. 4, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

Election of Officers

During their July 2021 meeting, the members of the Board elected Vikki Nunn, CPA (Casper) as Board Chair and Elizabeth Ott, CPA (Casper) as Board Secretary.

Recent Disciplinary Actions

Larry Heiser, certificate #982 issued 10/01/1982 and Western Sage Accounting, permit #807. The conduct and admissions of the CPA registered as Larry Heiser and CPA firm registered as Western Sage Accounting, were found by the Board of Certified Public Accountants, State of Wyoming to merit such disciplinary action pursuant to W.S. § 33-3-121(a)(iv). The Board accepted voluntary surrender of the CPA certificate and CPA firm permit as part of the settlement agreement, stipulation, and order.

Paul Edman, certificate #1765 issued 1/1/1996 and Paul R. Edman, CPA, PC, permit #570. The conduct and admissions of the CPA registered as Paul Edman and CPA firm registered as Paul R. Edman, CPA, PC, were found by the Board of Certified Public Accountants, State of Wyoming to merit such disciplinary action pursuant to W.S. § 33-3-121(a). The Board revoked the CPA certificate and CPA firm permit as part of the settlement agreement, stipulation, and order for revocation.

Michael Hoenig, certificate #265 issued 10/1/1973 and Michael Hoenig, CPA, permit #124. The conduct and admissions of the CPA registered as Michael Hoenig and CPA firm registered as Michael Hoenig, CPA, were found by the Board of Certified Public Accountants, State of Wyoming to merit such disciplinary action pursuant to W.S. § 33-3-121(a)



(iv). The Board suspended the CPA certificate and CPA firm permit for failure to comply with the approved settlement agreement, stipulation, and order for reprimand and stayed suspension.

For further details on the above matters, please refer to the Consumer Information section on the Board's website.



Continuous Testing

In July, 2020, continuous testing became effective. Continuous testing gives candidates the advantage of being able to take the exam year-round without restriction. There are now no testing windows and blackout dates. Blackout dates would only occur when implementing new updated exams. Candidates only have to wait for previous scores before they can re-take an exam in the same section. As a result, scores are now released on a rolling basis. Candidates will be able to receive their scores timelier. The Target score Release Timeline can be found on the AICPA website at

<https://www.aicpa.org/becomeacpa/cpaexam/psychometricsandscoreing/test-windows-score-release.html>.



Successful CPA Exam Candidates

Below is a list of successful CPA exam candidates from January 2021- September 2021:

Tori Boner
Dalton Lopez
Nicholas Moline
Michael Wolfe
Michayla Miller
Isha Kandangwa Subba
Domenique May
Cory Scaling
Jordyn Schroder

2020 Year In Review Statistics

First-time exam candidates -18
Exam Candidates Tested -104
Exam Candidates that passed 4th part -16
Certificates Issued -46
New Firm Permits Issued -20
CPAs licensed in WY through reciprocity -19
Licensees retired -16
Complaints investigated-20

Reminder of Essential Elements of Required Certificates of Completion

It continues to be required, as outlined in Chapter 5 of Board rules, that each CPA obtain, and retain for 4 years, the appropriate documentation to establish they have completed the CPE requirements. Such course completion evidence shall consist of a document prepare by the course sponsor that includes all of the following:

- Name of the licensee
- Course title
- Field of study
- Dates attended
- Number of CPE hours awarded
- How CPE credits were calculated (i.e. Based on a 50 minute classroom hour.)
- Signature of provider or sponsor

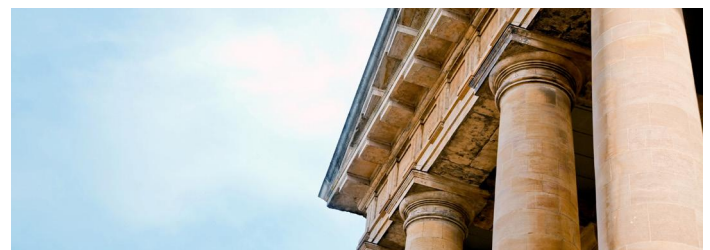
Wyoming Ethics Requirements for Residents vs. Non-Residents

Residents-Chapter 5, Section 3(c)(iv) requires that all certificate holders who maintain their principal place of business (PPB) in Wyoming are required to complete, at least once every three-years, four credits of Board approved regulatory/professional ethics. The list of approved courses can be found on our website under "Wyoming Ethics". To update your due date, please email your certificate of completion to wycpaboard@wyo.gov.

Non-Residents-Chapter 5, Section 3(d) pertains to CPE requirement for non-residents or for those whose PPB is in another state. **These individuals must, during the applicable renewal period imposed by the state where the principal office is located, complete four credits of continuing education in regulatory/professional ethics covering state specific statutes and rules and such topics as ethical reasoning or standards of professional conduct including those of other applicable regulatory bodies.** For individuals whose PPB is not in Wyoming, you may fall into one of three categories:

1. The state of your PPB does not require CPE to be completed. You must comply with Wyoming CPE requires as if you your PPB is in Wyoming and you must complete one of the approved Wyoming Ethics courses. You must email a copy of your certificate completion to wycpaboard@wyo.gov.
2. The state of your PPB does not require an ongoing state specific ethics course. For example, Colorado requires you to complete the state specific upon licensure but does not have an ongoing state specific ethics course requirement during their biannual renewal. If this is the case in the state of your PPB, you are required to complete one of the approved Wyoming Ethics courses or a state specific ethics course in the state of your PPB, once every three years as required by Wyoming CPE requirements. You must email a copy of your certificate completion to wycpaboard@wyo.gov.
3. The state of your PPB does require a state specific ethics course be completed at least once during the applicable renewal period. You are not required to complete one of the approved Wyoming Ethics courses. You only need to provide evidence of completion of the requirement if your Wyoming certificate is selected for CPE audit.

For questions regarding these requirements, please contact Board staff at wycpaboard@wyo.gov or 307-777-7551.



Peer Review

The AICPA and Nevada Society of CPAs offers several courses to help you along the way:

- Are you Ready for your Peer Review?- A 4.5 credit course designed specifically to prepare a firm for its peer review.
- A Firm's System of Quality Control- An 8 credit course which, "provides a comprehensive review of a firm's system of Quality Control standards, and offers tips to help improve audit quality and increase profitability."
- Surgent's Avoiding Deficiencies in Peer Reviews: Focus on Engagement- A 4 credit course which, "will focus on the most significant items resulting in deficiencies identified in the peer review process."



Moving or Changing Employers?

Please report address, telephone number and employment changes to the Board office within 60 days of the change. All materials and messages from the Board office to certificate and firm permit holders will be sent to the mailing address and/or the email address on record. All name changes must also be reported to the Board office within 60 days of the change.

Please contact the Board office to report changes or for answers to your questions at wycpaboard@wyo.gov.



Does My Firm Need a Peer Review?

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One of the frequently asked questions we receive in our office is, "Does my firm need a peer review?" followed closely by, "How do I get started"? The Peer Review process can appear daunting however, we strive to make it easy as possible while guiding you through from start to finish.

Does My Firm Need a Peer Review?

As per the Wyoming Statute, if a licensee (firm) provides the below services the firm is required to enroll in the Peer Review Program:

- Audit
- Review
- Full Disclosure Compilation
- Attestation Services
 - Defined as an engagement performed under the Statements on Standards for Attestation (SSAE) which includes forecasts, projections, budgets whether compiled or audited, agreed upon procedures, examinations of written assertions, review of written assertions, and/or bank directors examinations.

Each state has slightly different rules so be sure to check with the board of accountancy of any state in which you hold a license.

How Do I Get Started?

To become enrolled in the Peer Review Program please contact Kary Arnold, Finance & Peer Review Program Manager, at karnold@nevadacpa.org. A firm creation form will be provided and once submitted back to our office, processed with the AICPA in the peer review system, PRIMA (Peer Review Integrated Management Application).

Once your firm has been created, we will guide you through the enrollment process. During enrollment you will enter in your firm information, engagement types with initial report dates and review periods. The initial review will due 18 months from the initial report date. When the enrollment is finalized, an official enrollment letter is provided that will show your review due date. We recommend you provide this to the Wyoming Board of CPAs.

What Next?

Additional Peer Review procedures will be outlined in the next edition of the SSCPA, however if you have specific questions, please contact our office or visit the Peer Review page at www.nevadacpa.org.



Certificates Issued

From 1/1/20-9/30/2021, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as Wyoming CPAs:

Jonathan N. Ahlquist
 Michaela S. Anderson
 Liana S. Barakat
 Leslie L. Barnes
 Kasi J. Binnian
 Bryan H. Birrer
 Travis Bogard (Expired
 12/31/2020)
 Tori S. Boner
 Esther O. Borja
 Ryan M. Bourque
 Mark M. Burton
 Ryan M. Conklin
 Katherine J. Curtis
 Jordan H. Dobrenz
 Ann M. Ernst
 Charles Fagan
 Andrew W. Fales
 James M. Fisher
 Pamela A. Fitzpatrick
 Chad P. Frank
 Dustin Frank
 Duncan K. Furrh
 Beth M. Ganskow
 Margaret B. Glick

Hannah M. Gorman
 Mark R. Grant
 Nitin Gupta
 Kia L. Hageman
 Lorri A. Hagerman
 Jaynee F. Hanson
 Daniel A. Hasso
 Brandon A. Hinze
 Jean D. Holliday
 Kaili J. Holloway
 David N. Jenkins
 Ariel L. Johnson
 Jill M. Johnson
 Bryan C. Junge
 Artem K. Kakadiy
 Brittany N. King
 Rygell M. Lee
 Dalton R. Lopez
 Kenneth Lundvall
 Dominique R. May
 Stewart D. McIver
 Nicholas B. Moline
 Matthew J. Mungiole
 Jacob D. Nicholson
 William M. O'Donnell

Katelyn A. Olson
 Richard A. Palmer
 Mary F. Radford
 Lauren K. Reese
 Eric R. Robinson
 Jonathan L. Roelfs
 Cory S. Scaling
 Jordyn N. Schroder
 David M. Schultz
 Tyler G. Sellers
 Hongmei K. Sheppard
 John D. Shilling
 John B. Snyder
 Lorelei N. Soddy
 Jodie K. Stangret
 John W. Stinde
 Keith A. Stone
 Victoria R. Thoman
 Brett A. Thompson
 Judith Tippetts
 Elizabeth M. Walker
 Brenton D. Willis
 Brooke E. Willis
 Michael D. Wolfe
 Carolyn A. Zink

Firm Permits Issued from 1/1/2020-9/30/2021

A.B.C. CPA, P.C.
 Andrew Fales
 Ascent Accounting & Advising, LLC
 Atlas CPAS & Advisors PLLC
 Barracuda Accounting, LLC
 Bourque CPAS + Advisors, INC.
 EverydayCPA, Inc.
 Harbor LLC
 HC Rock Springs, LLC
 Heather Husman CPA

Hodder Tax Consulting, LLC
 Holliday PLLC
 Joseph J. Paiz, CPA
 Kestrel Consulting, LLC
 Morice, Layton & Fagan, LLC
 Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.P.
 RockStar Tax & Consulting, P.C.
 Scott CPAs PC
 Stinde & Associates
 Weworski and Associates

RETIRED CERTIFICATES IN 2020

In 2020, the following individuals placed their Wyoming CPA license in a retired status:

Gary W. Becker
 Janice A. Benson
 Darlene G. Cross
 Elaine M. Culver
 Brent M. Davies
 James B. Dodson
 Mary Ann Garman
 Charles R. Harkins
 Jack E. Lenhart
 Lawrence L. Madsen
 Richard A. Mason
 Sherry D. Mueller
 Christine M. Newkirk
 Rebecca J. Taylor
 R. Steve Van Meter
 Christine A. Wiard

EXPIRED CERTIFICATES AS OF 12/31/2020

In 2020, the following individuals did not renew their Wyoming CPA license:

Travis Bogard
 Kenneth Bradley
 Tracey Jelly
 John Larkin
 Larry Mallory
 Rebecca Morrison
 Joshua Olson
 Meaghan Pauley
 Charles Prill
 Barbara Renner
 Stephen Salter
 Tyler Sexton
 Judith Tippetts
 Robert Varra
 Jeffrey Wilson
 Wei Zeng

SURRENDERED CERTIFICATES IN 2020

In 2020, the following individuals voluntarily surrendered their Wyoming CPA license:

Margaret Biggerstaff
 Randy Rosalez

SURRENDERED CERTIFICATES FOR MOBILITY IN 2020

In 2020, the following individuals voluntarily surrendered their Wyoming CPA license for Mobility:

Samantha Bowden
 John Buhr
 Sydney Clevenger
 Gabriel Flagg
 Elise Huppert
 Julie LaBrie
 Michelle Rushing
 Anita Silver
 Karen Simmons

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK with a long-term condition has increased by 50% (Department of Health 1999).

There is a growing emphasis on the need to improve the management of long-term conditions in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a strategy for the management of long-term conditions, which includes a number of key principles. One of the key principles is that people with long-term conditions should be able to manage their condition in the community, rather than being hospitalised. This requires a number of things, including: people being able to access the services they need; people being able to understand their condition and how to manage it; and people being able to work with their healthcare professionals to develop a plan for managing their condition.

One of the ways in which this can be achieved is through the use of self-management support. Self-management support is a process by which people are helped to develop the skills and confidence to manage their condition in the community. This can be done through a number of different methods, including: group support; individual support; and self-help materials.

Self-management support can be provided in a number of different ways. It can be provided by healthcare professionals, such as nurses or doctors, or it can be provided by lay people, such as peer educators. It can also be provided through self-help materials, such as books or leaflets.

Self-management support can be very effective in helping people to manage their condition in the community. It can help people to understand their condition and how to manage it, and it can help people to develop the skills and confidence to do so. It can also help people to access the services they need, and it can help people to work with their healthcare professionals to develop a plan for managing their condition.

There are a number of factors that can influence the effectiveness of self-management support. These include: the quality of the support; the way in which the support is delivered; and the characteristics of the people receiving the support.

The quality of the support is an important factor. The support should be based on evidence, and it should be delivered in a way that is appropriate to the needs of the people receiving it. The way in which the support is delivered is also an important factor. The support should be delivered in a way that is accessible to the people receiving it, and it should be delivered in a way that is acceptable to them.

The characteristics of the people receiving the support are also an important factor. People who are motivated and who have the resources to manage their condition are more likely to benefit from self-management support. People who are not motivated or who do not have the resources to manage their condition are less likely to benefit from self-management support.

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Board Selects David R. Nance, CPA as New Executive Director

The Board is pleased to announce the selection of David R. Nance, CPA, as the Board's Executive Director, effective January 1, 2022.

The Executive Director is the Board's Chief Executive and Administrative Officer and is responsible for all aspects of the Board's operations.

Nance has been with the Board since August 1, 2012, when he was hired as the Deputy Director.

As Deputy Director, Nance's responsibilities included overseeing financial activities and preparing monthly financial statements for

Board review; oversight of personnel activities; involvement with the CPA Exam and licensing processes; and technical involvement with the Board's Professional Standards section in reviewing disciplinary matters.

Nance replaces Robert N. Brooks who retired as Executive Director on December 31, 2021.

"I appreciate the mentorship that Bob has provided over the years and the introductions that he has provided to the multiple aspects of the CPA profession within the State of North Carolina and beyond," Nance stated.

Added Nance, "The North Carolina Board has always been a leader among licensing boards, and that is a direction we plan to continue."

If you have questions or concerns about the Board, please get in touch with Nance at dnance@nccpaboard.gov.

Q&A with David R. Nance, CPA

When did you become interested in a career as a CPA?

The seeds for an accounting career were planted in high school when I worked for my dad, James D. Nance, at his accounting firm in Laurinburg, NC. Who remembers the piano-sized IBM System/32 units and performing monthly bookkeeping work?

How long have you been a North Carolina CPA?

I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in December 1981 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

I passed the "quiz" (CPA Exam) in November 1985 and was licensed as a North Carolina CPA on May 8, 1986.

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CPA Firm Registration Renewal Deadline

January 31, 2022, is the final deadline for a CPA firm to renew its registration and provide peer review compliance information to the Board.

The firm registration renewal link is in the "How Do I" box on the homepage of the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov.

A CPA firm's failure to comply with 21 NCAC 08J, *Renewals and Registrations*, or 21 NCAC 08M, *Peer Review Program*, may result in disciplinary action against the CPA firm's members as specified in 21 NCAC 08J. 0111 and 08M. 0106.

If you have questions about firm registration renewal or peer review compliance reporting, contact Cammie Emery at cemery@nccpaboard.gov.

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Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

KPMG, LLP | RALEIGH, NC

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent Firm stipulate to the following:

1. KPMG LLP (hereinafter "KPMG" or "Respondent Firm") is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. On or about June 17, 2019, KPMG and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") entered into an Order imposing disciplinary action against KPMG ("SEC Order").
3. The SEC Order was partially premised upon the following:

KPMG audit professionals – at all levels of seniority – engaged in misconduct in connection with examinations on internally-administered training courses that were intended to test whether they understood a variety of accounting principles and other topics of importance.

4. KPMG has identified twenty-nine (29) employees who engaged in the aforementioned conduct while licensed as CPAs in the State of North Carolina. The employees identified were the result of investigative procedures initiated by KPMG which relied upon a combination of survey responses and forensic procedures. The forensic procedures were administered on a percentage of the KPMG employee population, so it is not certain that all licensees who engaged in the aforementioned conduct have been identified.
5. Some of the KPMG employees who received and/or shared examination answers were KPMG partners.
6. Most of the KPMG employees who received and/or shared examination answers were new CPAs or individuals who were in the process of going through the examination and licensure process to become CPAs.
7. KPMG reprimanded its employees for violations of its internal rules regarding internally-administered training courses. It also imposed other disciplinary

action against the employees and has implemented procedures to prevent further violations.

8. Notwithstanding the discipline imposed by the SEC and the internal sanctions imposed by KPMG, the KPMG employees have asserted that they were engaged in a collaborative effort in those training courses. They have asserted that often their collaboration took place in the presence of KPMG partners and instructors. Also, as set forth above, KPMG partners actually participated in that collaboration.
9. The KPMG employees have asserted that it was not made clear to them that they were not allowed to engage in the sharing of exam answers. The environment created by KPMG placed its employees in an ethically ambiguous and precarious situation.
10. The SEC Order contained additional findings and conclusions related to individuals and clients who are not located in the State of North Carolina and who are not licensees of this Board. This Board does not seek disciplinary action against KPMG for those activities and the disciplinary action taken in this Consent Order is premised solely upon the facts set forth in this Consent Order.
11. The Respondent Firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent Firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent Firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.

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2. By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondent Firm, without admitting or denying, has violated Rule 21 NCAC 08N .0204.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent Firm's consent to this order, the Respondent Firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent Firm agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent Firm is censured and shall pay a twenty-nine thousand dollar (\$29,000) civil monetary penalty to be remitted with this signed Consent Order

Approved by the Board on November 22, 2021.

CHAD ALAN BARBA, #42610 | RALEIGH, NC

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Chad Alan Barba, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 42610 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. At all times relevant to this Order, Respondent was a partner at KPMG LLP ("KPMG").
3. On or about June 17, 2019, KPMG and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") entered into an Order imposing disciplinary action against KPMG ("SEC Order").
4. The SEC Order was partially premised upon the following:

KPMG audit professionals--at all levels of seniority--engaged in misconduct in connection with examinations on internally-administered training courses that were intended to test whether they understood a variety of accounting principles and other topics of importance.

5. KPMG has identified the Respondent as one of those individuals who received and sent exam answers in connection with internally-administered training requirements.
6. More specifically, the Respondent has confirmed that, in September 2018, while a partner at KPMG, he received an unsolicited email containing examination answers in connection with certain non-CPE eligible internal training requirements. The Respondent did not timely report his receipt of these examination answers.

7. Later, in October 2018, the Respondent forwarded this email to another KPMG employee. In December 2018, the Respondent self-reported, to KPMG, his involvement in sharing exam answers.
8. The Respondent did not use the aforementioned training to satisfy his annual CPE requirement mandated by the Board.
9. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondent violated 21 NCAC 08N .0203.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent, Chad Alan Barba, CPA, is hereby censured.

Approved by the Board on November 22, 2021.

CPA Certificate Reclassifications

At its December 13, 2021, meeting, the Board approved the applications for CPA certificate reinstatement submitted by the following individuals:

Jennifer Lynn Buller, #30171	Raleigh, NC
Kaitlyn Marie Byrd, #39672	Fuquay-Varina, NC
Ellen Frymier Chambers, #17636	Apex, NC
Natalie Nichols Corrigan, #18526	Charlotte, NC
Leigh McRae Cox, #27960	Goldsboro, NC
Walter Edmund Leamy, III, #21606	Vanceboro, NC
Ferdinand Raymond Stout, II, #10382	Greensboro, NC

Exam Score Release Dates

If you take your exam on or before:	Your target score release date is:
January 23, 2022	February 8, 2022
February 14, 2022	February 23, 2022
March 9, 2022	March 17, 2022
March 31, 2022	April 12, 2022
April 23, 2022	May 10, 2022
May 16, 2022	May 24, 2022
June 8, 2022	June 16, 2022
June 30, 2022	July 12, 2022

Source: AICPA

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Where did you work before joining the Board staff in 2012?

I started working for the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor (OSA) after graduating from college. During my 30+ years with OSA, I worked on audits across the state government spectrum, including over 12 years overseeing OSA's non-profit audit efforts for the Smart Start programs. During my later years with OSA, my main responsibility was the oversight of the audit efforts for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and its numerous human services programs.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

My wife, Susan, and I have a commingled family of five adult children. I love spending time at the beach and listening to beach music bands--basically, all good live music, especially the 70s bands. And if you're in the Cary area on the weekends, you might find me tooling around in my old car.



Nance with his old car, a 1960 Corvette.

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q3 North Carolina

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	691
New Candidates	156
Total Sections	910
Passing 4th Section	132
Sections / Candidates	1.32
Pass Rate	56.7%
Average Score	73.81

Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	272	71.44	53.68%
Re-Exam	637	74.86	58.08%
AUD	228	71.29	45.18%
BEC	169	77.09	65.09%
FAR	269	70.64	49.07%
REG	244	77.39	70.08%

Jurisdiction Ranking
(out of 55)

Candidates
16

Sections
17

Pass Rate
14

Avg Score
9



CPA Firm Succession Planning: What Are Your Options?

The following article, written by Michael R. Gillis, CPA, PFS, CGMA, a member of the NCACPA's Succession Planning Resource Team, was published on the NCACPA blog on January 7, 2022. It is printed here at the request of the NCACPA.

As part of providing great service, CPAs help clients plan their exit and succession strategies. But all too often, CPAs don't look at their own shop to ensure they also properly plan for an inevitable succession event.

The NCACPA Succession Planning Task Force is working to provide resources and encouragement to CPAs in planning their own succession.

A CPA firm that properly plans for its succession is the best course of action for the firm, for the families involved, for the clients, and for our responsibility to the public.

Succession Planning Task Force members encourage you to review the succession resources, including access to a free On Demand program, at <https://bit.ly/3HWHedf>.

In addition, the AICPA Private Company Practice Section (PCPS) has a Succession Resource Center detailed information on the following:

- Drivers of Change for the CPA Profession
- Positioning Your Firm
- Selling Your Firm
- Merging Your Firm
- Developing New Leaders
- Turning Out the Lights
- Transition Roles and Responsibilities

- What is the Value of Your Firm
- Due Diligence
- Key Elements to a Partnership Agreement

Succession planning is clearly needed, so what are the options to consider?

Merge Up

Merging your firm can be a good solution, but don't wait too long to plan and consider.

We often tell clients to "run your businesses like it is always for sale." This guidance certainly applies to CPA firms as well.

If you think a merger would be the best succession solution for your firm, make sure you take steps to keep the value of your firm high and to be attractive for larger firms to acquire. Examples of these steps include:

- Keep your technology up to date.
- Have adequate staff in place. With today's staffing shortages, not having adequate staff will greatly decrease the value of your firm. Leverage metrics to become an important measure of value.
- Monitor your average realization rate and keep it trending higher. Large firms will be look-

ing at firms that have clients paying higher average rates.

- Be prepared to work for the new firm a minimum of two years to transition relationships.
- Consider having a Practice Continuation Agreement in place in case of an emergency while you explore merger options.
- Culture, culture, and culture are the three most important things to consider in identifying a merger candidate.

Selling Your Firm

Much like a merger, selling can also be a good solution. Those important points to make your firm attractive for a merger also applies to a sale.

Also consider the following:

- All the things listed above in the merger option.
- Are you willing to accept contingent deferred payment terms based on client retention?
- Do you want to structure your sale to receive long-term capital gain tax treatment?

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- How do you identify the right potential buyer while protecting the confidentiality of your process?

Internal Succession

In my opinion, this is probably the most rewarding option, but this also is the option that requires the most work and most planning.

Consider the following:

- Identify the next generation of leaders of your firm early and talk to them often about the process.
- Invest in leadership development training.
- Set realistic value formulas so future owners can pay for the firm with as little risk as possible to their current income.
- Have your partnership/ownership agreements and lease agreements up to date.

- Consider a cap on the firm's annual retirement payments as a percentage of revenue or profit before owners' compensation.
- Transition client relationships early.
- Take some extended vacations while the Next Gen runs the place.
- Plan your personal life post career. This may be the most important part of the whole process.

Do Nothing. Turn Out the Lights

While this is an option, consider the few advantages and the many disadvantages:

- You stay in control until the end.
- What do you do in an emergency situation to protect your clients?

- How much value does your firm lose if you are unable to serve client even for a month or so? Who is your back up?
- Do you continue to invest in up-to-date technology?
- Please have a practice continuation agreement in place.

As the saying goes, nothing is more certain than death and taxes.

A succession event for your firm is also as certain; please plan for it.



CPA Certificates Issued

On December 13, 2021, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

David Brian Ackerson
Kate Rachel Adams
Judith Christine Aiello
Robert Mason Barrett, Jr.
Vijaykumar Vallabhbhai Bhandari
Jeffery Brock Braddy
Riley Koblebard Buchanan
Ann Campbell
Jie Chen
Xinyue Chen
Daveion Travon Collins
Carlton Crowder Crenshaw, III
Kevin Quang Anh Dao
Mary Grace Elizabeth Doggett
David Michael Edwards
Timothy Patrick Egan
Molly Katherine Foster
Heather Rose Fullagar
Dilip Govindaraju
Katherine Rose Harbin

Nathan James Hayes
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Marcus Spencer Hulbert
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Richard Alexander Laurie
Brittany Stanley Lee
William David Lewis
Craig David Little
Michael Lawrence Lyons
Kelley Matierene
Justin Edward Mundy
Christian Bryce North
Paige Beverly Russell Pace

Sarah Anne Parker
Jacqueline Reed Petrone
Grecia Picon
Travis Robert Powley
Anna Pendergrass Rankin
Kathryn Ann Sabol
Huihong Shen
Emily Elizabeth Shrader
Taylor Marie Stewart
Jonathan Edwards Duncan Stover
Michael Eric Swanson
Michelle Elizabeth Talarczyk
Vira Turchinyak
Carey Andrew Van
Ryan Mitchell Vaughan
Bailey Jo Walsh
Preston Christopher Walsh
Alexander David Wetzel
John William Wood, IV

CPA Certificate Reclassifications: Inactive Status

Between December 1, 2021, and January 5, 2022, the Board approved the individuals listed below for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20) states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

Mark Lawrence Foster, #32302	Raleigh, NC	Daniel H. Moore, #34467	Wake Forest, NC
Sidney Clay Whiteheart, #1316	Clemmons, NC	Arthur Brickman, #30826	Raleigh, NC
Michael Coleman Abernathy, #11941	Apex, NC	Edward Franklin Darnell, #20383	Inman, SC
Abra S. Cullen, #32449	Apex, NC	Margaret Olive McFarland, #26128	Sarasota, FL
Naoum Peter Tsaousis, #41822	Holly Springs, NC	Olusola Abisuga Akintoye, #34372	Cumming, GA
Larissa Redden Broom, #33765	Mills River, NC	Giles Kevin Almond, #14068	Monroe, NC
John Blount Farley, #15941	Greenville, NC	Joanne Durham Baker, #12598	Cape Carteret, NC
Susan Schappert Harper, #19045	Cary, NC	Gary Michael Bost, #28510	Mint Hill, NC
George Ryan Place, #27160	Nashville, NC	Nancy Powell Bourne, #21558	Wake Forest, NC
Brenda Shell Yates, #16330	Julian, NC	Bonnie J. Bowers, #29039	Raleigh, NC
Mark Stephen Dennis, #26883	Charlotte, NC	Bonnie Jean Brown, #33121	Lees Summit, MO
Emilee Somers Gazda, #40248	Greensboro, NC	Clayton McNeill Burns, #31371	Matthews, NC
Susan Bishop McCracken, #16703	Franklin, NC	Tammie Bland Cartledge, #26097	Charlotte, NC
Stephen Harold Schiller, #43552	Blowing Rock, NC	Chasity Lynn Chace, #30845	Wilmington, NC
Amy Elizabeth Shanes, #28015	Albemarle, NC	Michael Edward Collins, #17394	Charlotte, NC
Jeanne McCauley Betts, #21118	Raleigh, NC	Matthew William Deas, #43840	Charlotte, NC
Teresa Ann Boissiere, #22270	Hickory, NC	Carol Kelsey Fornes, #13712	Greenville, NC
Debra G. Clark, #16787	Chandler, AZ	Brenda Jones Fox, #3122	Greensboro, NC
Jessica Diaz, #41249	Clayton, NC	Daniel Robert Gardner, #34509	Waxhaw, NC
Carolyn Grace Hobson, #34821	Nashville, TN	Theresa Roberts Gebhardt, #16027	Charlotte, NC
Stephanie Paige Lyons, #28862	Marvin, NC	Julie Larson Hall, #31254	Kernersville, NC
Jennifer Moths-Fishkin, #37788	Wilmington, NC	Hugo H. Hanson, II, #32222	Barnardsville, NC
Claristeen Redfern, #12128	Raleigh, NC	Lee Ellis Haynes, #31416	Greenville, SC
Bailey Kristen Straughn, #38519	Charlotte, NC	Barbara Gail Hein, #18413	Hendersonville, NC
Raymond Scott Bowen, Jr., #9281	Winston-Salem, NC	Frank Edward Huber, II, #18911	Waxhaw, NC
Carmi Stevenson Brawley, #19819	Fox Point, WI	Lisa Renee Isenhour, #32036	Conover, NC
Ralph Lindsay Leonard, #14449	Winston-Salem, NC	Jeffrey Alan Landon, #21077	Matthews, NC
Danny L. Metcalf, #18623	Fletcher, NC	Bryan P. McGrath, #24624	Charlotte, NC
Steven Edward Burdett, #14794	Raleigh, NC	Ronald Edward Miller, #7747	Lewisville, NC
Robert Curtis Adams, #32241	Matthews, NC	Joshua Addison Moore, #35887	Fuquay-Varina, NC
Peter Anthony Chepul, #19309	Charlotte, NC	Rebecca Swanson Moose, #13859	Leland, NC
Teresa Bullard East, #18706	Thomasville, NC	Shoolin H. Patel, #33533	Raleigh, NC
Daniel David Hattendorf, #24649	Concord, NC	Janette Irma Perez, #24089	Raleigh, NC
Robert McKenzie, #15871	Charlotte, NC	Mack Daniel Pridgen, III, #10722	Raleigh, NC
James Maxwell Van Dorn, #38062	Greensboro, NC	Craig Daniel Reisinger, #34439	Charlotte, NC
Jo Anna Knotts-Reynolds, #15887	Charlotte, NC	Joanne Wantz Rockness, #21351	Wilmington, NC
Terrell Hadley Lamb, #14505	Raleigh, NC	Mary Ann Rouse, #14612	Charlotte, NC
Janice Carol Opalinski, #20420	Greensboro, NC	Richard Anthony Sinnes, #25662	Charlotte, NC
Jason Thomas Sandner, #31933	Raleigh, NC	Julia Ann Smith, #12446	Charlotte, NC
Anthony Joseph Forman, #14499	Greensboro, NC	Sheryl Lynn Smith, #28322	Durham, NC
Kenneth Walter Hillman, Jr., #30179	Morehead City, NC	Jeffrey Myers Stone, #15611	Raleigh, NC
Lawrence Walter Marley, #14320	Asheboro, NC	Elizabeth Parke Swann, #12826	High Point, NC
Rhonda E. McNutt, #24922	Concord, NC	Frank van Orsouw, #18486	Durham, NC
David Reinken, #14016	Lake Wylie, SC	Linda Howard Walker, #19271	Raleigh, NC
Paul Larry Baker, #11655	Greenville, SC	Justin Timothy Walter, #32485	Lexington, NC
Justin Grey Carroll, #28988	Raleigh, NC	Michael Dane Ward, Jr., #30412	Louisville, KY
Douglas Wayne Johnson, #42359	Mooresville, NC	Timothy Craig Wicker, #22895	Raleigh, NC
William Sidney Lewis, III, #4177	Matthews, NC	Dale Edward Williams, III, #35999	Grand Cayman
Erica G. Gonzalez DeShong, #33731	Durham, NC	Gregory Mastin Williams, #23483	Zion Crossroads, VA
Daniel James Keef, #40691	Seattle, WA	David Reid Byers, #17871	Atlanta, GA
Richard Lee Rodgers, #37598	Atlanta, GA	Mariah Taylor Holck, #40061	Monterey, CA
Susan Dare Veazey, #25939	Cary, NC	Brian Craig Hunter, #15750	Fairview, NC
Lon David Walters, #24504	Statesville, NC	Milan Khadka, #43833	Raleigh, NC
John W. Galloway, #24648	Charlotte, NC	Steven Michael Sherck, #33759	Charlotte, NC
David Philip Jones, #14953	Grants Pass, OR	Cynthia McDaniel Smith, #21233	Dallas, NC



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July 25	Board Meeting - Raleigh
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Robert N. Brooks, Board's Executive Director, to Retire December 31

After more than 35 years with the Board, Robert N. Brooks is retiring on December 31, 2021.

In announcing his retirement, Brooks said, "I've had a good career with the Board. It was never just a job to me."

Brooks was hired as the Board's Deputy Director on April 1, 1986, and has been the Executive Director since April 1, 1991.

Barton W. Baldwin, CPA, President of the Board, has known Brooks for many years. He was president-elect of the NCACPA when Brooks became Executive Director.

Baldwin says he knew from experience that his young friend would be a leader for accounting professionals in North Carolina.

"Everybody knows who Bob is, and they pay attention when he speaks about regulations or the best places to eat," Baldwin explained.

"He has led North Carolina through unimaginable transitions over the past 30 plus years enabling us to proudly claim our place in the top tier of State Boards of Accountancy. I consider myself fortunate to call him my old friend," stated Baldwin.

David R. Nance, CPA, the Board's Deputy Director, said Brooks has worked to build up the reputation of the Board, and wanted to ensure that the CPA title was highly regarded.

Nance said Brooks worked daily to maintain the profession's high standards and didn't shy away from holding people he knew to those high standards.

"He generally started most phone calls or discussions from folks that he knew with 'hey, Bud' before getting into the nitty-gritty," explained Nance. "If you had 'CPA' behind your name, you needed to uphold the expectations of being a CPA."



Robert N. Brooks

Brooks's dedication to the CPA profession's integrity is evident through his work with state and national organizations such as the NCACPA and NASBA.

Much of Brooks' work with NASBA focused on the Uniform CPA Exam.

For the past 24 years, Brooks has been a member of the NASBA committee that helped facilitate the change from a 19.5-hour paper-and-pencil Exam administered

twice a year to a 16-hour computer-based Exam offered year-round.

"Bob's long history and leadership in support of the regulation of the CPA profession, expertise and institutional knowledge of the CPA Examination, and insight into the issues that strengthen public protection have been crucial to NASBA and State Boards of Accountancy," said Ken L. Bishop, President and CEO of NASBA.

"Personally, I will always consider Bob to be a good friend. I congratulate him for a great career and wish him a wonderful retirement. I am truly going to miss him when he retires," he exclaimed.

In 2012, Brooks received NASBA's *Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award*, the award that recognizes state board of accountancy executive directors who "have shown exemplary, dedicated and outstanding service and commitment to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation, both locally and nationally."

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WILLIAM DAVIS OWENSBY, JR., #12643 | WILLIAM D. OWENSBY, JR., CPA | GASTONIA, NC

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondents stipulate to the following:

1. William D. Owensby, Jr., CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 12643 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. William D. Owensby, Jr., CPA (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina. Hereinafter, the Respondent and the Respondent Firm shall collectively be referred to as the "Respondents."
3. At all relevant times, the Respondent was the supervising CPA of the Respondent Firm and, as such, was the CPA responsible for ensuring that the Board's peer review requirements were satisfied.
4. The Respondent Firm had undergone peer reviews in the past and its next scheduled peer review was due June 30, 2021. On the Respondent Firm's 2020 annual firm renewal, the Respondent stated that the Respondent Firm issued compilations and audits during 2020.
5. The Board staff received notice that the Respondent Firm had been dropped from the AICPA Peer Review Program as of October 13, 2020.
6. The Board staff attempted on multiple occasions to correspond with the Respondent regarding his removal from the peer review program. The Respondent was non-responsive to all inquiries sent by the Board staff.
7. The Respondents wish to resolve this matter by consent and agree that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondents understand and agree that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective

until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The aforementioned conduct, if proven, could constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0203(b)(7) (*failure to participate in peer review program*) and 21 NCAC 08N .0206 (*failure to respond to Board inquiries*).
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondents' consent to this order, the Respondents are subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondents agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondents' privilege to perform, or participate in, any services subject to peer review as identified in Board rule 21 NCAC 08M .0105 (*Peer Review Requirements*) is revoked until such time as the Respondents are re-enrolled in peer review.

Approved by the Board on October 18, 2021.



Office Closed

Christmas

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Friday, December 24, 2021

Monday, December 27, 2021

New Year's

December 31, 2021

Successful Exam Candidates

The following North Carolina candidates passed the Exam in October 2021:

Kate Rachel Adams
David Jonathan Bell
Rebecca Lauren Christensen
Keenan Mikle D'Arcy
Abby Renee Duggan
Anatasha Nicole George
Hannah Katelyn Headen
Alan Michael Henson
Stephen Cooper Herrington
Erica Fogg Hunter
Lorraine Danasia Johnson
Ashley Taylor Kile
Rachel Ann Lang
Raquelle Yvonne Leblanc
Brittany Stanley Lee
William David Lewis
Cristina Rebecca Louisos
Michael Lawrence Lyons
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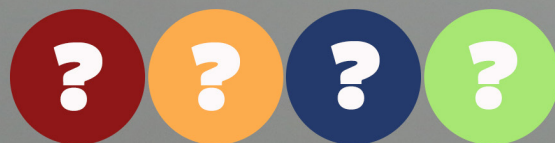
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Prometric Test Center Open in Wilmington

In November, Prometric Test Center No. 1747 opened on the first floor of DePaolo Hall on the UNC-Wilmington campus.

DePaolo Hall is at 4734 Alumni Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403.

CPE FAQs Part II



The CPE infographic in the October *Activity Review* covered the basics of the annual CPE requirement. Last month, we answered some of the most frequently asked questions about the general CPE requirement.

This month, we're answering questions about the ethics CPE requirement and the CPE requirement for non-resident CPAs.

- Q.** What is the ethics CPE requirement?
- A.** As part of the annual CPE requirement, licensees must complete a minimum of 50 minutes (one hour) in regulatory or behavioral professional ethics and conduct CPE.
- Q.** Does it matter which ethics course I take?
- A.** Yes. The ethics course must be offered by a sponsor registered with NASBA's National Registry of CPE Sponsors ([NASBAregistry.org/cpas](https://www.nasba.org/cpas)).
- Q.** My firm offers an in-house ethics course. Can I use that to meet the ethics requirement?
- A.** If the firm is a registered sponsor on NASBA's National Registry of CPE Sponsors, you may use the course to meet the annual ethics requirement.
- Q.** Does the ethics requirement apply to a non-resident NC CPA?
- A.** If you are a non-resident CPA (a North Carolina CPA who neither lives nor works in North Carolina), you may satisfy the annual ethics CPE requirement by completing the ethics requirement in the jurisdiction where you are licensed and work or reside.
- If you are licensed and live or work in a jurisdiction that doesn't have an ethics CPE requirement, you must comply with the Board's ethics CPE requirement.
- Q.** If I take a 2-hour ethics class, can I use the "extra" hour to meet the next year's requirement?
- A.** The one-hour ethics requirement is an annual requirement, so you cannot use "extra" ethics CPE credit to skip taking an ethics course next year.
- However, you may apply the "extra" ethics CPE minutes toward the total number of CPE minutes completed this year.
- Q.** What happens if I don't take an ethics class this year?
- A.** If you don't complete the required ethics course this year (2021), you may be ineligible to renew your license for 2022-2023.
- If you complete the CPE requirement—including the ethics requirement—after December 31, 2021, but before July 1, 2022, you may renew your license, but will receive a Letter of Warning from the Board.
- But, if this is the second time within 5 calendar years that you don't meet the December 31 deadline, the Board may deny your license renewal.
- Q.** I'm a non-resident NC CPA. Do I need to meet North Carolina's CPE requirement?
- A.** As a non-resident CPA you may satisfy the annual CPE requirement by completing the requirement in the jurisdiction where you are licensed and work or reside.
- If you are licensed and live or work in a jurisdiction that doesn't have a CPE requirement, you must comply with the North Carolina's CPE requirement.

CPA Certificates Issued

On November 22, 2021, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

Corey Nicholas Adams
Jonathan Dillon Albright
Morgan McCoy Allman
Kayla Marie Auger
Loretta Jo Ayers
Amanda Kate Baltrucki
Ashley Arendale Baum
Kevin Moran Beck
Kristin Ann Belitz
Carrie Marie Biggs
Christopher Michael Bingham
Jared Alexander Blount
Sydney Grace Bounds
Jeffrey Thomas Bowers
Katsiaryna Bowling
Kelsey Danielle Broussard
Kerrie Ann Brown
Donna Kim Buchsbaum
Bridgette D. Burchett
Ryan Giulio Callari
Caussin Rainier Carter
Kayla Irene Cody
Rachel Anna Commerford
Sean Joseph Conway
Leslie Ann Cunnane
Jose Andres Diaz de Villegas
Ashley Morgan Desjardins
Alexander Lelon DeVane
Krista Lynne Dobransky
Claire Nichole Dockrill
Christopher Joseph Dominianni
Kate Allison Downes
Cameron S. Duncan
Nicholas Eric Eberhardt
Benjamin Robert Elliott
Mark Alexander Fedoronko
Christopher Dennis Fischer
Austin John Fishel
Glenn Michael Fournier, II
Andrew Thomas Freeman
Pauline Grant-Jones
Jana Beth Gregory
Amy Doshier Grimes
Samuel Ross Grooms
Scott Michael Hamel
Paul Louis Hammons
Laura McClelland Hanf
Madelyn Elise Hayes
Diana Chilton Heard
Robert Melvin Heer, III
Hannah Elise Higgins
Daniel John Hogan
Paige Courtney Honeycutt
Jonathan William Howard
Taylor Elizabeth Irwin
Jason Leigh Jacobs

Ryan Dana Jones
Lorraine Jordaan
Mackenzie Elizabeth Joslin
Sean Kennedy
Nicholas Joseph Kovach
Elizabeth Carolee Kukiela
Neikelle Alexa Lashley-Ferris
Grace S. Lee
Jonathan Garrett Lemelin
John William LeVan, Jr.
Caleb James Lewis
Jiawen Alice Lin
Mary Mae Link
Matthew John Lodes
Zachary Ned Lowman
Justin Michael Mamros
Andrew Edwin Mansell
Mario Joseph Mastrantoni
Patrick MacKenzie McNamara
Bryan Nathan McNulty
Sara Mary Ann Mellen-Stier
Eric James Mihaly
Vladimir Milosavljevic
Michelle Renee Montgomery
Kris Ann Muller
William Emmad Nazal
Nicole Belle Nudelman
Jared Marcelis Onque
Samantha Marie Ostmann
Michaela Pavlusik
Sarah Ellen Peterson
Stephanie Pike
Barbara Rose Platenberg
Victor Popov

Curtis Darrell Pouncy, Jr.
Imtiaz Hossain Pranta
Elizabeth Arline Rauch
Hilary D'Aintree Relton
Humaira Aamir Retiwalla
Jasmine Marie Rodriguez
Caitlyn Lee Sadowy
Robert David Sauers
Erica Landon Senecal
Yu Fang Shang
Andrew Thomas Sharp
Nicholas Evan Shives
Nicholas William Simpson
Trisha Marie Sinnett
Adam Gebel Sitts
Amanda Lee Skinner
Alyssa Ayn Smith
Mark Smolinski
Jelena Stefoglo
Corbin Clark Stone
Greta Clare Teno
Marian Rebecca Tillman
Christian Ryan Tomberlin
Bobbie Nicole Villalpando
Yuan Wang
Joseph Paul Warta
Aaron Robert Weaver
James Prescott Wickham
Alexander Craig Wooten
Bing Xia
Byung Heum Yun
Julie Roxanne Zielke

Exam Score Release Dates

If you take your exam on or before:	Your target score release date is:
December 8, 2021	December 16, 2021
December 31, 2021	January 11, 2022
January 23, 2022	February 9, 2022
February 14, 2022	February 23, 2022
March 9, 2022	March 17, 2022
March 31, 2022	April 12, 2022
April 23, 2022	May 10, 2022
May 16, 2022	May 2, 2022
June 8, 2022	June 16, 2022
June 30, 2022	July 12, 2022

CPA Certificate Reclassifications

At its November 22, 2021, meeting, the Board approved the applications for CPA certificate reclassification submitted by the following individuals:

Reinstatement

Shelly Kates Headen, #21731	Oak Ridge, NC
DayIn Jordan Shelton, #42910	Charlotte, NC
Robert E. Starkey, #31999	Jacksonville, FL
Todd Allen Taylor, #26290	Rockledge, FL

Reissuance

Nanak Sudhakar Mehta, #17814	Indian Land, SC
Corey L. Skolnick, #33210	Raleigh, NC

Inactive Status

Between November 1, 2021, and November 30, 2021, the Board approved the individuals listed below for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20) states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

Crystal Brandenburg Campagna, #21257	Salisbury, NC
Rafael Angel Duque, #37235	Winston-Salem, NC
Stewart Mark Roberts, #14255	Asheville, NC
David Scott Schiller, #15372	Wake Forest, NC
C. Davis Walters, #20434	Durham, NC
Barbara Garlitz, #14230	Hickory, NC
Carly Nicole Kauffman, #44540	Fleetwood, PA
Peter Joseph Fedyszen, #20614	Haymarket, VA
Karen A Kennedy, #21042	Whittier, NC
Dwight Potter, #15365	Cedar City, UT
Jennifer Lee Quigley, #32343	New London, NC
Alan Dale Hilliard, #12985	Greensboro, NC
Patricia Pitts Spitz, 44009	Matthews, NC
Elaine M. Ganfield, #27616	Raleigh, NC
Harry Lewis Albert, Jr., #12490	Cary, NC
David Norman Westbrook, #13738	Charlotte, NC
Edward Lewis Clayton, III, #25558	Charlotte, NC
Robert James Engelking, #42747	Arvada, CO
Monica Jean Graves, #15435	Lewisville, NC
Steven Leon Joyce, #19216	Lakewood Ranch, FL
Lora Francis Pennington, #20983	Jamestown, NC
Morris Lee Pennington, #19346	Jamestown, NC
Lloyd Bonnie Roghelia, #4255	Denton, NC
Kay Bruffey Griep, #23579	Cornelius, NC
Elizabeth Vockel Walker, #36555	Greensboro, NC
Stephen Michael Vanscoy, #33863	Ambler, PA
John Kneelon Boggs, #13187	Cary, NC
Christy L. Pavell, #24929	Amherst, NY
Kelli A. Batianis, #33629	Jacksonville, FL

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The NCACPA's CEO, Sharon Bryson, says that over the three decades she has known Brooks, she's never witnessed anyone more passionate about their work.

"Bob's professional commitment has been unceasing, and anyone who knows him recognizes the same," Bryson noted. "I wish Bob only the best and sincerely thank him for the genuine relationship we've had while carrying out our respective roles."

Brooks hasn't made plans for what he'll do in retirement, but says retirement won't change his dedication to the profession.

"I'll miss talking to people, but even though I'll be retired, I'll be available to answer questions. Especially if you ask me to recommend a good restaurant," Brooks said with a grin.

To congratulate Brooks on his retirement, you can send cards to him in care of the Board at PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC, 27605.

CPA Firm Registration Renewal Deadline

December 31, 2021, is the deadline for a CPA firm to renew its registration and provide peer review compliance information online through the Board's website, nccpaboard.gov.

A CPA firm's failure to comply with 21 NCAC 08J, *Renewals and Registrations*, or 21 NCAC 08M, *Peer Review Program*, may result in disciplinary action against the CPA firm's members as specified in 21 NCAC 08J. 0111 and 21 NCAC 08M.0106.

Send your questions about firm registration renewal and peer review compliance reporting to Cammie Emery, Licensing Specialist, at cemery@nccpaboard.gov.

CPE Audit Orders

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. Under NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") per NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

Margaret Miesiaszek Griffith, #10073 Charlotte, NC

The Board opened a case against Margaret Miesiaszek Griffith ("Respondent") for failure to complete the CPE required to renew her North Carolina CPA license.

When completing the 2018-2019 individual certificate renewal, Respondent stated she had completed the CPE required for certificate renewal.

As part of the CPE audit, the Board staff asked Respondent to provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet the 2017 and 2018 requirements. Respondent was unable to substantiate completion of the ethics course to meet the 2017 requirement.

The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's CPA certificate is suspended for one (1) year; however, the suspension is stayed. The Board will lift the stay if Respondent engages in further violations of the Board's Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.
2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty with this Consent Order.

William Robert Lazich, #20212 Columbia, SC

The Board opened a case against William Robert Lazich ("Respondent") for failure to complete the CPE required to renew his North Carolina CPA license.

As part of the 2019 and 2020 Letter of Warning audit, the Board staff asked Respondent to provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet the annual requirement. Respondent was unable to substantiate the CPE hours claimed.

The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's CPA certificate is suspended for one (1) year; however, the suspension is stayed. The Board will lift the stay if Respondent engages in further violations of the Board's Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.
2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty with this Consent Order.

Thomas Milton Moyer, III, #12455 Monroe, NC

The Board opened a case against Thomas Milton Moyer, III ("Respondent") for failure to complete the CPE required to renew his North Carolina CPA license.

When completing the 2019-2020 individual certificate renewal, Respondent stated he had completed the CPE required for certificate renewal.

As part of the 2019 and 2020 Letter of Warning CPE audit, the Board staff asked Respondent to provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet the 2019 and 2020 requirements. Respondent was unable to substantiate timely completion of the ethics course to meet the 2019 requirement.

The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4). Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and by the Respondent's consent to this Order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's CPA certificate is suspended for one (1) year; however, the suspension is stayed. The Board will lift the stay if Respondent engages in further violations of the Board's Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.
2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty with this Consent Order.



2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

Jan. 17	Office Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Jan. 24	Board Meeting - Raleigh
Jan. 31	Final Deadline - Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting

FEBRUARY

Feb. 21	Board Meeting - Raleigh
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MARCH

March 16	Board Meeting - Raleigh
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APRIL

April 15	Office Closed - Good Friday
April 21	Board Meeting - Raleigh

MAY

May 16	CPA Certificate Renewal Begins
May 23	Board Meeting - Raleigh
May 30	Office Closed - Memorial Day

JUNE

June 20	Office Closed - Juneteenth National Independence Day
June 23	Board Meeting
June 30	CPA Certificate Renewal Deadline

JULY

July 4	Office Closed - Independence Day
July 25	Board Meeting - Raleigh
July 31	Final Deadline - CPA Certificate Renewal

AUGUST

Aug. 29	Board Meeting - Raleigh
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SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5	Office Closed - Labor Day
Sept. 26	Board Meeting - Raleigh

OCTOBER

Oct. 24	Board Meeting - Raleigh
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NOVEMBER

Nov. 11	Office Closed - Veterans Day
Nov. 21	Board Meeting - Raleigh
Nov. 24 & 25	Office Closed - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

Dec. 1	Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting Begins
Dec. 19	Board Meeting - Raleigh
Dec. 23, 26, & 27	Office Closed - Christmas
Dec. 31	Firm Renewal & Peer Review Compliance Reporting Deadline

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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.



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The Annual CPE Requirement

The CPE infographic in the October *Activity Review* covered the basics of the annual CPE requirement.

This month we're answering some of the most frequently asked questions about the general CPE requirement.

Next month, we'll answer questions about the ethics CPE requirement and CPE for non-resident CPAs.

Q. Before I take a course, will the Board tell me if I can claim credit for it?

A. The Board does not pre-approve CPE courses. It is up to you to choose activities that contribute to your professional competency.

If a course is in an accounting area in which you practice or plan to practice, another area of the profession, or professional ethics, then it likely increases your professional competency.

Q. Are there activities for which I can't claim CPE credit?

A. You cannot claim CPE credit for reading accounting journals, periodicals, reference guides, or related materials and taking a test designed to assess reading comprehension.

However, examinations that test your knowledge of study materials prepared in a formal CPE program qualify for CPE credit.

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CPA Firm Registration Renewal

December 31, 2021, is the deadline for North Carolina CPA firms to renew their firm registration and provide peer review compliance information to the Board.

The renewal link is on the homepage of the North Carolina Board's website, **nccpaboard.gov**, in the "How Do I" box. The renewal link is for CPA firms only; individual CPAs will renew their license next spring.

In October, the Board provided the administrative office of each CPA firm with step-by-step instructions for completing the firm registration renewal and reporting its peer review compliance. There is no fee to renew an individual practitioner's firm registration. Partnerships and limited liability partnerships with partners only in North Carolina do not pay a renewal fee.

However, a partnership or limited liability partnership with partners in North Carolina and other states must pay \$10.00 per partner, with a maximum of \$2,500.00. The renewal fee for professional corporations and professional limited liability companies is \$25.00.

If a firm doesn't comply with any part of 21 NCAC 08J, *Renewals and Registrations* or 21 NCAC 08M, *Peer Review Program*, and it continues to

offer or render services, the Board may take disciplinary action against a CPA firm's members. Under NCGS 93-12(9)(e), the disciplinary action may include civil penalties up to \$500.00 per member.

Only individual practitioners may cancel their firm registration through the renewal link. All other firm types must cancel the firm's registration with the Secretary of State before requesting that the Board cancel the firm's registration.

Please contact Cammie Emery at **cemery@nccpaboard.gov** or Buck Winslow at **buckw@nccpaboard.gov** with your questions about firm renewal or peer review compliance.

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Disciplinary Actions

Pursuant to NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") in accordance with NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

CARL FREDERICK ROOT, #10972 | BREVARD, NC

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Carl Fredrick Root, Jr., CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 10972 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Respondent was the subject of a third-party complaint which stated that he has been conducting audit work for the complainant's condominium association without peer review or pre-issuance review of audits.
3. The Respondent and his firm, Carl F. Root, Jr., PA, previously entered into a Consent Order with the Board on September 23, 2019, consenting to the revocation of their privilege to perform, or participate in, any services subject to peer review as identified in Board rule 21 NCAC 08M .0105 *Peer Review Requirements*.
4. Documentation submitted with the third-party complaint revealed that the Respondent and his firm, Carl F. Root, Jr., PA, continued to perform, or participate in, services subject to peer review as identified in Board rule 21 NCAC 08M .0105 *Peer Review Requirements*, after their privilege was terminated.
5. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. By virtue of the facts set forth above, the Respondent violated 21 NCAC 08N .0202 and .0203.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. The Respondent, Carl Fredrick Root, Jr., hereby voluntarily surrenders his Certified Public Accountant certificate permanently.
2. The firm registration for Carl F. Root, Jr., PA, is hereby canceled permanently.
3. The Respondent must return his certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
4. The Respondent shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon his permanently surrendered North Carolina certificate.

Approved by the Board on October 18, 2021.

Board Meeting: December 13, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-41, the Board and the Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Gregory Lewis Price, CPA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 16785 as a Certified Public Accountant.
2. The Board received a complaint from one of the Respondent's clients (hereinafter "Complainant"). The Respondent's firm prepared the 2014 income tax return for the estate of the Complainant's mother. The Respondent notified the Complainant that the form had been electronically filed and that all he needed to do was to pay the tax due to the IRS. The Complainant paid the taxes but later received a notice from the IRS stating that the payment had been received, but no return had been filed.
3. The Complainant asserts that he tried to reach the Respondent on numerous occasions but was unsuccessful. He states that he has since submitted a copy of the tax return to the IRS, but the Respondent did not respond to inquiries regarding the status of the return.
4. The Board staff requested a response from the Respondent. After multiple attempts to reach him, he replied that during the time of the Complainant's letter to him and the filing of the complaint, he was in the process of merging his firm with another. He asserts that his mail was being forwarded, but not in a timely manner due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also asserts that because it is not his firm's practice to have six years of tax programs loaded on the system, he had to put in a special IT request to have the Complainant's file pulled and relocated to his new computer. He states that once the process was completed, he immediately printed and mailed the 2014 return to the Complainant.
5. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. The Respondent did not make adequate plans to remain responsive to his client or the Board during a transition period resulting in violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0212 and .0206, respectively.
3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9), and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

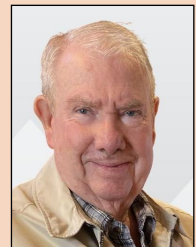
1. The Respondent, Gregory Lewis Price, CPA, is censured.
2. The Respondent shall pay a five hundred dollar (\$500) civil monetary penalty to be paid to the Board with this signed Consent Order.

Approved by the Board on August 23, 2021.

In Memoriam: Maylon Earl Little

Maylon Earl Little, a past member of the State Board of CPA Examiners, died October 29, 2021. He was 86.

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., appointed Little to the Board in 1977, and re-appointed him in 1980.



During his time on the Board, Little was elected Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and President of the Board. He later served as the Board's auditor.

He was a member of the AICPA and a Senior Life member of the NCACPA, a membership level that recognizes members with more than 40 years of service to the NCACPA.

CPA Exam, Licensure Benefits for Military Personnel

Did you know the Uniform CPA Exam is approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a certification test eligible for reimbursement?

If you qualify for the Montgomery GI Bills, the Reserve Education Assistance Program, the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, or the Dependents Educational Assistance Program, you may be eligible for reimbursement for taking the CPA Exam.

You may also qualify for reimbursement of the CPA licensure fees.

Information on the reimbursement programs is available through the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://bit.ly/1dsJfAK>.

The GI Bill hotline, 1-888-442-4551, is available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., to answer your questions about the reimbursement program.



50 Years of NC CPA Licensure

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been licensed as a North Carolina CPA for 50 years:

September 1971

Gary Michael Fink
Oscar Glenn Spell, III

October 1971

Herbert Lindsey Clem
Thomas Lee Codington

November 1971

Thomas Garner Horne

CPA Certificates Issued

On October 18, 2021, the Board approved the following individuals for licensure as North Carolina CPAs:

Amr Alexander Abul-Fadi	Katheryne Rebecca King
Alisha Nadine Adkins	Benjamin Chaim Koenigsberg
Anthony Frederick Allen	Isabella Anna Kron
Kelly Irmentrud Amos	Paige Michaela Larmony
Colby Gibson Anderson	Jason Keith Lieberman
Eric Andrew Babcock	Catherine Joan Marsh
Deborah Parrish Barrett Seymour	Meghan Renee Mateer
James Bird	Joseph Edward McCann
Alexander Ryan Black	Jorge Antonio McGriff
Preston Stanley Bowers	Corinne Laura Monahan
Sara Ashley Brehmer	Stenn Hollis Monson
Michael Glen Brooks	Sara Rathbone Mooney
Trevor Andrew Byrum	Alex Thomson Moore
Elizabeth Tinashe Magombedze Cameron	Cameron Smith Morrison-Mauney
Matthew Conrad Carpenter	Abraham Hoshea Moskowitz
Zachary Quinn Carver	Celine Vanderclark Olcott
Tanmayee Gopal Chiplunkar	Nathan Christopher Olivier
Quincei Leigh Clark	Yong Ju Park
Stephen James Cole	Michael John Pelin
Jennifer Collette	Brittany Michelle Perkins
Courtney Reeve Cook	Donna G. Perkins
Katherine Anne Craven	Linda K. Price
Jin Lee Crofts	Serina Marie Ramos
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John Timothy Dalton	Clayton Alexander Rexroad
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Debbie Lynne Deal	Taylor Marie Rock
Courtney Hanna Deeds	Zachary James Rogers
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K. Christopher Farkas	Clayton Philip Sealy
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David Fletcher Glass	Gregory Allen Still
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Marcus Barrett Hodge	Samuel Reinhart Van Heukelom
Paige Marie Hollingsworth	Stephen James Ward
Alyssa Denise Horne	Lauren Tracey Witushynsky
Dalton Loyd Infinger	Alexander Brian Wolf
Ibreta Franska Jackson	Annie Harding Woodward
Melicia Sade James	Corey Benjamin York
Colin James Johnson	Liudmila Logina Zill
Kelley Winston Jones	Brandon Roy Zimmerman
Jaeha Kim	

CPE Audit Orders

The following matters are excerpted from Consent Orders issued by the Board in response to the findings of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) audit. Under NCGS 93-12(9), civil penalties are remitted to the North Carolina Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund ("Fund") per NCGS 115C-457.2. NCGS 115C-457.1(b) states, "The Fund shall be administered by the Office of State Budget and Management. The Fund and all interest accruing to the Fund shall be faithfully used exclusively for maintaining free public schools."

Jeffrey M. Downing, #40772 **Holly Springs, NC**

The Board opened a case against Jeffrey M. Downing ("Respondent") for failure to complete the CPE required to renew his North Carolina CPA license.

When completing the 2019-2020 individual certificate renewal, Respondent stated he had completed the CPE required for certificate renewal.

As part of the CPE audit, the Board staff asked Respondent to provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet the 2018 and 2019 requirements. Respondent was unable to provide sufficient documentation to substantiate all of the 2018 and 2019 CPE hours.

The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's CPA certificate is suspended for one (1) year; however, the suspension is stayed. The Board will lift the stay if Respondent Downing engages in further violations of the Board's Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.
2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty with this Consent Order.

Maggie M. Mitchell, #36514 **Winston-Salem, NC**

The Board opened a case against Maggie M. Mitchell ("Respondent") for failure to complete the CPE required to renew her North Carolina CPA license.

When completing the 2019-2020 individual certificate renewal, Respondent stated she had completed the CPE required for certificate renewal.

As part of the CPE audit, the Board staff asked Respondent to provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet the 2018 and 2019 requirements. Respondent was unable to substantiate three (3) hours claimed on the 2019-2020 license renewal.

The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's CPA certificate is suspended for one (1) year; however, the suspension is stayed. The Board will lift the stay if Respondent Mitchell engages in further violations of the Board's Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.
2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty with this Consent Order.

Michael J. Savino, #23801 **Durham, NC**

The Board opened a case against Michael J. Savino ("Respondent") for failure to complete the CPE required to renew his North Carolina CPA license.

When completing the 2019-2020 individual certificate renewal, Respondent stated he had completed the CPE required for certificate renewal.

As part of the CPE audit, the Board staff asked Respondent to provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet the 2018 and 2019 requirements. Respondent was unable to substantiate completion of the ethics course to meet the 2019 requirement.

The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4). Per N.C. Gen. Stat. §93-12(9) and by the Respondent's consent to this Order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

Based on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's CPA certificate is suspended for one (1) year; however, the suspension is stayed. The Board will lift the stay if Respondent Savino engages in further violations of the Board's Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct.
2. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty with this Consent Order.

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Q. Is there a limit on the number of self-study CPE minutes I may claim?

A. There is not a limit on the number of self-study CPE minutes you may claim.

Remember, a self-study course isn't complete until the CPE sponsor issues a Certificate of Completion.

The Certificate of Completion date is the date the sponsor issues the certificate, not the date you took the course or the date the completed time was mailed to or received by the sponsor.

Q. Do I need to keep Certificates of Completion after I complete the license renewal?

A. You must keep Certificates of Completion that substantiate the CPE credits you are claiming for the current year and each of the four prior calendar years.

If you are selected for the CPE audit and can't document the CPE minutes you claimed, the Board may forfeit your license.

Q. Now that the Board calculates CPE in minutes, not hours, are certificates of completion that show hours valid?

A. Certificates of completion that show CPE credit in hours are valid. The online CPA license renewal (available in Spring 2022) includes a tool that converts CPE hours to CPE minutes.

Please contact the Board's Licensing Specialist, Cammie Emery, at cemery@nccpaboard.gov or the Board's Licensing Manager, Buck Winslow, at buckw@nccpaboard.gov with questions about the annual CPE requirement.

Exam Score Release Dates

If you take your exam on/before:	Your target score release date is:
December 8, 2021	December 16, 2021
December 31, 2021	January 11, 2022
January 23, 2022	February 8, 2022
February 14, 2022	February 23, 2022
March 9, 2022	March 17, 2022
March 31, 2022	April 12, 2022
April 23, 2022	May 10, 2022
May 16, 2022	May 24, 2022
June 8, 2022	June 16, 2022
June 30, 2022	July 12, 2022

Successful CPA Exam Candidates

The Board is pleased to announce that the following North Carolina Uniform CPA Exam candidates passed the Exam in September 2021:

Jackson Henry Adams	Zachary Louis Livingston
Michael Scott Andrews	Brianne Marie Lockee
Amanda Kate Baltrucki	Samuel Caleb Main
Kalund Donovan Brodie	Sara Elizabeth Major
Cooper Allen Burgess	Jonathan Labi Malote
Kenneth Hunter Byrd	Casey Brooke Medford
Zachary Quinn Carver	Marcos Jose Melendez
David Derrick Chang	Justin Edward Mundy
Jessica Lynn Cianfrocca	Marley Brown Nelson
Robert Thomas Claiborne	William Andrew Oakley
Quincei Leigh Clark	Daniel O'Dirling
Kevin Quang Anh Dao	Sierra Kathleen Rolon
Lauren Edwards Davis	Steven Barry Savicki
Madison Paige Dean	Cole Terrell Setzer
Daniel Connor Deas	Audrey Owen Sigmon
Harry James DiGiacomo	Kristen Annette Sullivan
Conor Patrick Doherty	Benjamin Paul Thompson
Allison Powers Forte	Madison Elisabeth Thompson
Jacob Henry Gilbert	Sarah Katherine Todd
Jonah Pearson Hatley	Ethan James Stosic Tuby
Hannah Elise Higgins	Carey Andrew Van
Ray Blake Hocutt	Joseph Paul Warta
Jenny Paige Kerley	Aaron Robert Weaver
Lauren Kirkpatrick	Carly Elizabeth Wolk
Ginamarie Eileen Klos	Nathan James Wonsch
Alexa Rae Koch	Crystal Craigo Young
Abbigail Leigh Lewis	

CPA Certificate Reclassifications

Reinstatement

At its October 18, 2021, meeting, the Board approved the applications for CPA certificate reinstatement submitted by the following individuals:

Lisa Rudolph Featherngill, #33645	Advance, NC
Lana Kaye Szczepanski, #43377	Zebulon, NC
Marquis James Pullen, #40811	Winston-Salem, NC

Reissuance

At its October 18, 2021, meeting, the Board approved the applications for CPA certificate reissuance submitted by the following individuals:

Mary Ann Helms Armstrong, #30676	Huntersville, NC
Tyler McCue Goodykoontz, #43108	Charlotte, NC
William Thomas McCuiston, #27854	Cary, NC
Judy Lynn Toppas, #39365	Camden, NC

Inactive Status

Between October 1, 2021, and October 29, 2021, the Board approved the individuals listed below for inactive status. 21 NCAC 08A .0301(b)(20) states: "Inactive," when used to refer to the status of a person, describes a person who has requested inactive status and been approved by the Board and who does not use the title "certified public accountant" nor does he or she allow anyone to refer to him or her as a "certified public accountant," and neither he nor she nor anyone else refers to him or her in any representation as described in Rule .0308(b) of this Section."

Robert Forrest Fowler, III, #35324	Charlotte, NC
Jean C. Findley, #43296	Raleigh, NC
Lana Ginn Parker, #20225	Bear Creek, NC
Sherry Furr Ross, #14305	Charlotte, NC
Cheryl Lindsey Nicks, #29377	Stanley, NC
Bobby Dale Walker, #23865	Shelby, NC
Amanda Jones Beckwith, #38395	Raleigh, NC
Joel William Lambert, Jr., #3093	Fayetteville, NC
David Aubrey Baker, Jr., #24401	Greenville, NC
Charles Philip Blanton, #14841	Charlotte, NC
Mark Jefferson Rhyne, #21128	Burlington, KY
Ian Crawford Parry, #37905	Charlotte, NC
Sharon Lee Bell, #18841	North Myrtle Beach, SC
Mark Causey, III, #35290	Durham, NC
Karen L. Mirandi, #19804	Harrisburg, NC
Eric William Gilbert Zetterholm, #25458	Leicester, NC
Robert Daniel Bedingfield, #25141	Greensboro, NC
Frank Anderson Elmore, Jr., #9722	Hendersonville, NC
Barbara Paterek, #27744	Bluffton, SC
Laura Helen Rhyne, #16467	Mt. Holly, NC
Kasey Jane Copeland, #39818	Dayton, OH

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**Svyatoslave Steve Bashmakov,
#40256
Boca Raton, FL**

The Board opened a case against Svyatoslave Steve Bashmakov, (Respondent Bashmakov) for failure to complete the CPE required for the 2020-2021 renewal of his North Carolina CPA license.

Respondent Bashmakov signed a Consent Order in which he accepted the denial of the renewal of his CPA license; the forfeiture for at least one year of his CPA license; and the return of his CPA certificate to the Board within 15 days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of the Consent Order.

Respondent Bashmakov may apply to return his CPA certificate to active status by submitting a reissuance application that includes payment of the application fee; three (3) moral character affidavits; payment of a \$1,000 civil penalty; and proof of completion of at least 44.5 hours of CPE including an eight-hour accountancy law course offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

Failure to timely comply with any terms of the Consent Order will be sufficient grounds to revoke Respondent Bashmakov's CPA license.





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Pursuant to 21 NCAC 08J .0107, all certificate holders & CPA firms shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in home address & phone number; CPA firm address & phone number; business location & phone number; & email address.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As 2021 winds down, it's a good time to make sure everyone is aware of the most recent changes to the Idaho State Board of Accountancy (ISBA). However, before we get to where we are today, it's important to revisit what has transpired in the past 22 months.

During the 2020 Idaho Legislative session, House Bill 318 was passed and signed by Governor Brad Little on March 11, 2020. This bill granted the governor the authority to assign agencies, such as the ISBA, to divisions, sections, or units in a manner to provide an orderly arrangement in the administration of state government.



Kent Absec
Exec. Officer

As previously reported, on June 3, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little, signed Executive Order 2020-10 which moved ISBA under the newly created Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) which is under the Department of Self-Governing Agencies. The ISBA was among 10 agencies moved to DOPL which included the Board of Dentistry; Board of Medicine; Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; Board of Nursing; Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board; Board of Pharmacy; Real Estate Commission; Board of Veterinary Medicine; and the Division of Building Safety and its constituent boards. The ISBA is now organized within the Occupational Licenses section of DOPL. Formerly, the Board was an independent self-regulatory board. Part of the advantage of being within DOPL is that it will allow the agency to leverage other areas of the division to accomplish those important duties outside of licensing. For example, as a part of DOPL, we will have the Administration Section to help us with statute and rule changes, performance reports and strategic planning. The finance department will aid the agency with budgeting and the daily paying and receiving tasks. We will also have a group of DOPL investigators who will help us thoroughly examine complaints and work through the Administrative Procedures Act when it comes to discipline. While staff was engaged in these activities, they are the kind of activities that take time and pull one away from the other day to day responsibilities that need to be accomplished, such as interacting and assisting our exam and license candidates, licensees, and firms. I'll talk later about other changes impacting the agency staffing and how we will do business moving forward.

In February of 2021, the ISBA physically relocated to our new home on the State of Idaho's Chinden Campus. The move not only saved the agency money in lease costs, but it also allowed the board to become integrated into the DOPL organization and gave the staff the opportunity to interact daily with staff members from other boards. We used this to begin learning and implementing what other boards do to become more effective. Overall, the move, which seemed daunting at first, has been better than expected. It took a little bit to get used to not having our own conference room and offices, but the pluses far outweigh the minuses.

As mentioned in both the last spring newsletter and this edition, staff personnel have undergone some changes as well. At the end of June, Sandy Bly retired after 40+ years with the state of Idaho, 29 of which were with our board. Then, at the end of October, Mary Robinson also retired after working for the board for five years. While they are both missed, we wish them nothing but success in their "new phase of life."



IN MEMORIAM

CP-0588
James Joseph McMurtrey

CP-0608
Carl Christensen

CP-0807
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CP-2587
Joyce Ann Stroschein

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CONTINUED)

Being a part of DOPL exposed employees from all the agencies to other opportunities within the Division. One such opportunity came to Tami Helton. Most of you know Tami as our CPE Coordinator helping many of our licensees navigate through the annual CPE requirements. Tami, using her knowledge and experience in helping handle the revenues and expenses of this agency, applied for, and was offered a position within DOPL's finance department. It will be a great opportunity for Tami and while she will also be missed, she promises to help where she can during our transition to a new staff model. Part of our new staffing will include the addition of Casey Oare to our licensing team.

Casey comes to us from the Investigations area within DOPL. Casey was formerly the Complaint Manager within Investigations and comes to us with a lot of experience in working with the public as she also handled Public Records requests during her time as a part of the former Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses (IBOL). Casey's responsibilities will be in assisting exam and licensure candidates as well as helping licensees and firms, particularly with peer review. The agency will also have the support of a DOPL Licensing Team Lead, Cesley Metcalfe.

Cesley has worked with many boards in her nine years with IBOL/DOPL. With Casey being a part of the Licensing and Registration area within DOPL, she will report to Cesley who will manage a team of licensing specialist across many boards. Cesley is currently ramping up her learning of all things Accountancy. Cesley will report to me as the Executive Officer for the agency. When the

ISBA was an independent board, my role was that of an Executive Director or administrator. Now that ISBA is within DOPL and that some of the administrative tasks are being moved to a different area, my role has changed and the ISBA will no longer have a full time dedicated Executive Director. Along with being the Executive Officer for Accountancy, I will also serve in the same role for the Athletic Commission; Driving Business Schools; Morticians; Shorthand Reporters; and the Barbers & Cosmetology Board. Along with my duties as the Executive Officer for these boards, I will also serve as the Licensing & Registration Program Manager for the 16 boards under DOPL's Occupations Section.

While these changes may seem overwhelming, rest assured that our current Board members are still intact and focused on our mission of protecting the public in the most efficient manner possible. The Board, myself, and the entire DOPL staff are excited and committed to providing our stakeholders, such as you, with the best customer experience possible. We know it may take some time to replace the experience we lost with the departure of former staff members, so we ask that you be patient as we work with you moving forward. I am confident that over time, these changes will be advantageous to everyone involved.

As always, if you have any questions or comments you'd like to pass on, feel free to reach out to me at either kent.absec@isba.idaho.gov or our general email box of isba@isba.idaho.gov.

Kent A. Absec

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Time Flies When Your Are Having Fun!

Change continues to be one of the few constants in our profession and world. With change comes new opportunities. Certainly, we are all aware of the challenges facing our profession considering the impact of COVID, in addition to the regulatory and professional changes coming our way. Today, we have the opportunity to embrace major changes as Idaho licensees; like being absorbed into the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) and how that feels from a licensee standpoint; CPA Evolution and the resulting incorporation of new or differing professional paths that stem as the result. While the basics are the same, we must admit that the profession continues to evolve and change to meet the needs of our changing world. Case in point: As a CPA who sat for the CPA exam in the late '70's, I couldn't have even imagined at any point in my early career that one day I would be partnered in a small niche-based firm solely serving veterinarians throughout the United States. How did the needle move to the point that small firms can and do serve a single market or focus? Sometimes change is slow and subtle, while sometimes it is fast and furious! Either way, today, it is almost impossible to escape hearing or reading about a reference to the transformation of our industry and craft. How exciting! Just as constant change surrounds us, we must embrace change and look for new ways to support and maintain the relevancy of the profession. Therein lies our number one challenge and opportunity.

It's hard to believe that I have served the last four years on the Idaho State Board of Accountancy. As the newly elected Chairman of the

Board, I was asked to introduce myself. I am both honored and excited to serve as such in this, my fifth and final year on the board. And this year is already shaping up to be just as exciting as the last, considering the many changes to the board and profession coming our way. Fortunately, the board is made up of committed volunteers dedicated and poised to meet the needs and challenges facing us all.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Kent Absec, Executive Officer (EO), for his many years of service. Standing along every effective EO are team members who truly get things done. Thank you, Sandy Bly (recently retired), Tami Helton, and Mary Robinson (recently retired) for your dedication and amazing contributions.

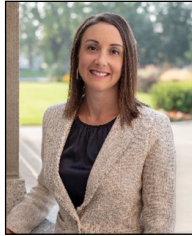
In closing, I strongly encourage you to embrace new ideas, new ways of practicing in this profession we each selected as our own. Continue supporting our profession. Your professional membership support, your ideas and suggestions, and your willingness to volunteer for an industry board or committee can and do make a difference. Challenge yourself by learning something totally unrelated to your area of expertise. Challenge yourself by considering new and different ways of approaching your knowledge specialty. Dare to change, for the better of yourself and for the profession.

Jimmy Bell, CPA



FROM CPE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Fall is upon us and as we finish out the year, it is amazing to look back on all that has changed in 2021. One of the positive changes for the profession that has come out of the pandemic is that CPE courses, which were previously only offered in-person, are now available virtually. Although we may obtain all our CPE credits virtually or through self-study, the program sponsor must follow the 2016 NASBA/AICPA Statement of Standards for CPE. This requirement did not change during the pandemic, so please make sure that any CPE you claim meets the requirements. As a reminder, you can view the Standards at: https://www.nasbaregistry.org/_media/Documents/Others/Statement_on_Standards_for_CPE_Programs-2016.pdf.



Shannon Stith

As you look at CPE needs, remember that all certificates must be obtained and dated on or before December 31, 2021. On the CPE Committee, we oftentimes see certificates for programs that are dated January 1, 20XX or later. The certificates with dates after December 31, 2021, cannot be counted for 2021 CPE requirements. So, make sure to take any quizzes, exams, or other requirements to submit timely to obtain a properly dated certificate.

I wish you all a joyous rest of 2021 and look forward to seeing you in 2022,

Shannon M. Stith, CPA, CGMA, RP

CPE TIME

December 31st is the deadline for CPE to be completed with January 31st being the deadline for timely reporting. Report your completed CPE using our [online system](#). Late fines begin at 12:01 am Mountain Standard time February 1st, beginning at \$100 and increasing \$50 per month until submitted. A [self-guided tutorial](#) for our new online system is available on our website.

Planning on changing your license status or did not complete your CPE requirement?

To change your license status for the upcoming licensing cycle **You need to request this change prior to the January 31st deadline to report CPE through our online system**. Your current license is effective through July 1st.

If you are short your requirement you will need to request an exception or extension. **You need to request this change prior to the January 31st deadline to report CPE through our online system**. Record the courses you completed, click submit, next you will provide a brief explanation of your request. The system will calculate your shortage, and penalty CPE credits that need to be submitted into the Board office ASAP, but **no later than April 30th** to be eligible for active renewal.

All CPE questions may be directed to the Board office at: isba@isba.idaho.gov.

ONLINE SERVICES - NEW FEATURE



Step-By-Step instructions for online system

Summary of your Idaho License

Address Changes

Change License Status

Report CPE

Request an Exception

Print CPE Report *NEW* - This allows you to see your most recently submitted CPE report.

CPE audit or exemption upload documents - one (1) PDF, JPG or PNG file containing all supporting documentation.

NON-ACTIVE LICENSE STATUS OPTIONS

- Inactive annual fee: \$100.00 may not practice public accounting, no CPE requirement. Must use "CPA-Inactive" or "LPA-Inactive". Do not publicly display wall certificate. May provide volunteer services for which the licensee receives no direct or indirect compensation. Refer to [IDAPA Rule 24.30.01.402.02](#).
- Retired annual fee: \$100.00 reached 55 years of age or is disabled, may not practice public accounting, no CPE requirement. Must use "CPA-Retired" or "LPA-Retired". Do not publicly display wall certificate. May provide volunteer services for which the licensee receives no direct or indirect compensation. Refer to [IDAPA Rule 24.30.01.402.02](#).
- Lapsed no annual fee, no CPE requirement and may not practice public accounting or use title CPA or LPA. Do not publicly display wall certificate. Refer to [IDAPA Rule 24.30.01.402.02](#).

You may bring your license back into Active status by completing the reinstatement/re-entry process at any time by 1) completing the reinstatement/re-entry application, 2) submit 80 hours of CPE, of which four hours need to be ethics with two covering Idaho Accountancy Act and Rules, and 3) pay the reinstatement/re-entry fee. Contact the Board office for the fee amount. Refer to [IDAPA Rule 24.30.01.406](#).

LICENSE STATUS CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2021

INACTIVE

CP-3270 Lunt, Janet
 CP-3283 Dunn, Jerry
 CP-3617 McDougall, Darcy
 CP-3717 Ipsen, Jonna
 CP-4234 Fales, Andrew
 CP-4461 Johnson, Warren
 CP-4565 Wells, Brandon
 CP-4586 Minert, David
 CP-4834 Faul, Christina
 CP-4894 Lloyd, William
 CP-5047 Tucker, Shane
 CP-5083 Arial, Kelly
 CP-5167 Bird, James
 CP-5431 Lenz, Ashley
 CP-5574 Taylor, Jason
 CP-5777 Johnson, Benjamin
 CP-5904 Harper, Marcie
 CP-6014 Vincent, John
 CP-6086 Molyneux, Conner
 CP-6108 Fredrickson, Daniel

RETIRED

CP-0475 Vance, Wayland
 CP-1021 Howell, Peggy
 CP-1117 Winchester, Douglas
 CP-1425 Clark, Curtis
 CP-1458 Brown, Susan
 CP-1559 Huter, Michael
 CP-1574 Whyte, Michael
 CP-1658 Engel, Matthew
 CP-1680 Ableman, Joseph
 CP-1701 Atkinson, Rick
 CP-1768 Frisk, Terry
 CP-2276 Marboe, Linda
 CP-2287 Sandow, Hugh
 CP-2413 Zandersmith, Douglas
 CP-2472 Hanes, Brenda
 CP-2651 Yon, John
 CP-2890 Doornbos, Antionette
 CP-2937 Johnson, Russell
 CP-3076 Cleaver, Carl
 CP-3821 Ogden, Anita
 CP-4000 Hamilton, Anne
 CP-4061 Spencer, Bonnie
 CP-4102 Waldron, Debra
 CP-4402 Cordon, Lee
 CP-4418 Perez, June
 CP-6215 Fisher, James
 PA-0112 Schenck, Reynold

LAPSED

CP-0807 Jones, David
 CP-1092 Medlin, John
 CP-1130 Vauk, David
 CP-1195 Goffinet, John

CP-1247 Clack, Steven
 CP-1326 Cantwell, Robert
 CP-1348 Ssuddreth, Roderic
 CP-1437 Flynn, Shaun
 CP-1481 Harada, Laurie
 CP-1482 Stoesser, Thomas
 CP-1567 Rigg, Richard
 CP-1602 Swan, Bradley
 CP-1615 Croy, John
 CP-1706 Chugg, Paul
 CP-1861 Leep, Kevin
 CP-1982 Belnap, Steven
 CP-2017 Griffiths, John
 CP-2332 Bergquist, Renee
 CP-2343 McNutt, Robert
 CP-2420 Searle, Karl
 CP-2534 Burgess, Terryl
 CP-2814 Haddock, Thomas
 CP-3221 Dailey, Boyd
 CP-3632 Howard, Quentin
 CP-3756 Dutra, Barbara
 CP-3760 Verbanac, Jeannine
 CP-3847 McPherson, Katharine
 CP-4085 Harris, Michelle
 CP-4146 Youngberg, Tyson
 CP-4178 Cox, Julie
 CP-4237 Larson, Cliff
 CP-4279 Grainger, Julie
 CP-4517 McClure, Judy
 CP-4615 Rumpf, Charles
 CP-4647 Stueve, Susan
 CP-4727 Crane, Kevin
 CP-4769 Poulson, Richard
 CP-4989 Bartlett, Kelly
 CP-5019 Christensen, Bryce
 CP-5370 Nguyen, Hai
 CP-5450 Southworth, William
 CP-5454 Jessa, Eric
 CP-5463 Breard, Kevin
 CP-5511 Russel, Dale
 CP-5554 Kim, Tae Jung
 CP-5559 Cross, Lisa
 CP-5565 Miller, Spencer
 CP-5586 Musick, Jared
 CP-5617 Huber, Lyn
 CP-5618 Brown, William
 CP-5619 Richards, Andrew
 CP-5634 Newman, Paul
 CP-5713 Thieme, Christian
 CP-5744 Elliott, Christopher
 CP-5877 Muller, Kimberly
 CP-5893 Carter, Keely
 CP-5901 Stewart, Alexander
 CP-5940 Caldwell, William
 CP-5980 Moore, Ronald
 CP-6099 Stevens, Candace

CP-6117 Schoenfeld, Irving
 CP-6198 Phelps, Peter
 CP-6211 Bailey, Robert
 CP-6274 Fitzpatrick, Pamela
 CP-6276 He, Cuihong
 PA-0201 Layton, Robert

BOARD LAPSED

CP-0558 Kirk, Larry
 CP-0773 Herrick, Michael
 CP-0856 Luekenga, Roscoe
 CP-1076 Shriver, Richard
 CP-1149 Olsen, Reid
 CP-1266 Quirk, Joseph
 CP-1306 Webb, Jay
 CP-1337 Lundblade, Dale
 CP-1457 Bowden, Gregory
 CP-1630 Montgomery, Veronica
 CP-1682 Nicholson, Cynthia
 CP-1816 Zurek, Nina
 CP-1961 Wilson, Patricia
 CP-2221 Hosman, Teresa
 CP-2227 Kowallis, Sandra
 CP-2268 Christensen, Craig
 CP-2494 Bowen, Ronald
 CP-2570 Koeppen, Rita
 CP-2587 Strochein, Joyce
 CP-2687 Christianson, Stephanie
 CP-2868 Miklos, Brenda
 CP-2907 McGlothlin, Lynn
 CP-3035 Haight, Dawn
 CP-3092 McKim, Scott
 CP-3389 Gumon, Kari
 CP-3445 Hampton, Andrew
 CP-3456 Weeks, Cheryl
 CP-3492 Hume, Christian
 CP-3640 Haddock, Robert
 CP-3654 Burr, Fred
 CP-3667 Ranisate, Keith
 CP-3879 Taylor, John
 CP-4083 Barnes, Marla
 CP-4544 Christensen, Tamara
 CP-4601 Mokwa, Carol
 CP-5085 Cheesman, Patricia
 CP-5410 Westfall, Larry
 CP-5444 Freeman, Tyler
 CP-5797 Nelson, Stephanie
 CP-5849 McArthur, Burke
 CP-5959 Seig, Rosanne
 CP-6068 Carleton, Travis
 CP-6216 Leligdowicz, Jason
 CP-6275 Block, Stuart
 CP-6279 Hughes, Jeffery
 CP-6331 Gunderson, Mariah

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

FR-0456 KPMG

Boise, ID

The Board entered an Order ratifying and adopting a Stipulation and Consent Agreement as to KPMG, LLP, FR-0456, wherein KPMG agreed to pay a \$15,000 administrative penalty to the Board in connection with the Securities and Exchange Commission's order in Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-19203 against KPMG.



Exam Facts and Help

[The Candidate Bulletin "Roadmap to CPA Success"](#)

CPA EXAM PRACTICE ANALYSIS INFORMATION

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **December 31st CPE Course Completion** — courses must be completed with certificates dated no later than December 31st.
- **January 31st CPE Reporting** — CPE reports are to be submitted. Late fines assessed beginning February 1st of \$100 and can reach up to \$300. *This deadline also applies if you are changing your license status or requesting an extension.*
- **June 30th License Renewal** — active licenses expire June 30th. Late fines starting at \$100.00 are assessed if paid after July 1st. If no action is taken, your license will be placed into Board Lapsed status on August 1st.
- **September 30th Firm Registration Renewal** — fines assessed at \$100.00 per licensee after September 30th.

2021/22 Exam Score Release Dates

If you take your exam on/ before:	Your target score release date is:
December 8	December 16
December 31	January 11
January 23	February 8
February 14	February 23
March 9	March 17
March 31	April 12
April 23	May 10

EXAM CANDIDATES PASS LIST

2021 Q2

Austin, John
Busby, Riley
Hurd, Austin
Lopez-Mijangos,
Jazmin
Melancon, Allison
Parish, Braxton
Schmidt, Logan
Tracy, Bradley

2021 Q3

Ash, Amanda
Belnap, Jacob
Bond, Garen
Briggs, Amy
Christiansen, Casey
Davis, Danica
Eldfrick, Jacob
Fishburn, Joshua
Hurd, Alexis

Mackintosh, Weston
Peterson, Marcus
Swartwood, Jessica
Tsuruta, Kaia
Tyron, Savanna
Varela, Adam
Welch, Makenzie
Wessman, Timothy

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Per *Idaho Accountancy Rule 021* license holders are to notify the Board in writing within 30 days of any change in the licensee's business address, residence address, or business connection, employer, or principal place of business. Exam candidates need to directly notify the Board office. [Link to update your contact information.](#)



CPA EXAM PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q-3 Overall

<u>Overall Performance</u>		<u>Section Performance</u>			
Unique Candidates	34,426		Sections	Score	% Pass
New Candidates	8,739	First-Time	12,900	71.79	55.91%
Total Sections	45,126	Re-Exam	32,090	72.78	53.17%
Passing 4th Section	5,601	AUD	11,550	70.90	47.21%
Sections / Candidates	1.31	BEC	8,650	76.09	61.73%
Pass Rate	53.92%	FAR	14,335	69.78	47.83%
Average Score	72.48	REG	10,591	74.91	63.07%

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q-3 Idaho

<u>Overall Performance</u>		<u>Section Performance</u>			
Unique Candidates	131		Sections	Score	% Pass
New Candidates	42	First-Time	54	69.07	48.15%
Total Sections	171	Re-Exam	117	71.44	52.99%
Passing 4th Section	17	AUD	37	72.46	56.76%
Sections / Candidates	1.31	BEC	27	76.07	66.67%
Pass Rate	51.46%	FAR	64	68.23	42.19%
Average Score	70.69	REG	43	69.44	51.16%

Jurisdiction Ranking

Candidates	Sections
44	44
33	45
Pass Rate	Avg Score

2022 Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 26th

Watch website for upcoming meetings
in 2022!

BOARD STAFF

Kent A. Absec

Executive Officer

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Casey Oare

Licensing Specialist

isba@isba.idaho.gov

2021-22 Office Closures

Christmas - December 24th

New Year's Eve - December 31st

Martin Luther King Jr Day - January 17th

President's Day - February 21st

Memorial Day - May 30th

Juneteenth - June 20th

Independence Day - July 4th

Labor Day - September 5th

US Indigenous People's Day - October 10th

Veterans Day - November 10th

Thanksgiving - November 24th

Christmas - December 26th

Mission Statement

The mission of the Idaho State Board of Accountancy is to protect the public by assuring certified public accountants and licensed public accountants under its jurisdiction are adhering to the statutes and rules regarding qualification, professional ethics and conduct.

Vision

The Idaho State Board of Accountancy is committed to the protection of the public by enhancing the integrity of the profession through fair, impartial, effective, and efficient governance.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LICENSEES!

CP-6350	REIS, MARK VERNON	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6351	SCHABERG, JEFFREY DEAN	Active	Reciprocity	OR
CP-6352	TURLEY, CODY CARL	Active	Grad Transfer	CO
CP-6353	YOUNTS, JOHNNY DONALD	Active	Reciprocity	CO
CP-6354	MOBLEY, LYNETTE MELANIE	Active	Exam	
CP-6355	OLSON, JEFFREY RANDALL	Active	Reciprocity	CO
CP-6356	MOTT, KAITLIN GRACE	Active	Grad Transfer	
CP-6357	TAYLOR, MELINDA	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6358	GOMEZ-GIL, DIANA CAROLINA	Active	Exam	
CP-6359	KOBERG, KYLIE JOY	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6360	NICKOLATOS, ALEXANDER	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6361	WEATHERSBY, MARY ISABEL	Active	Exam	
CP-6362	WOODS, BRANDON HUBERT	Active	Exam	
CP-6363	FARWIG, JOSIAH CALEB	Active	Exam	
CP-6364	LEWIS, LARAY RUTH	Active	Reciprocity	TX
CP-6365	POLLITT, CHRISTINE ELIZABETH	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6366	HOPKINS, BRYAN PAUL	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6367	JONES, JONATHAN BRENDEN	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6368	MCGEOUGH, BRIAN BENJAMIN	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6369	HAYDEN, MEAGAN KATHRYN	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6370	PARISH, BRAXTON TATE	Active	Exam	
CP-6371	WEEKS, SAMUEL O'BRIEN	Active	Exam	
CP-6372	SCHERER, PARKER JAMES	Active	Exam	
CP-6373	BARB, MAXIMILLIAN JOSEPH	Active	Exam	
CP-6374	SABO, DAWN CAROLYN	Active	Reciprocity	TX
CP-6375	MUNSON, DAVID A	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6376	GATES, BRETT	Active	Exam	
CP-6377	BAKER, DAVID BRUCE	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6378	LEE, JIHEE	Active	Grad Transfer	VT
CP-6379	AUSTIN, JOHN COLTER	Active	Exam	
CP-6380	FONES, DONELLA JO	Active	Reciprocity	AZ
CP-6381	HUGHES, LAWRENCE PATRICK	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6382	PLANESI, LORNA KATHLEEN	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6383	BUTCHART, RUTH TANNER	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6384	PAGE, EMILY JANE	Active	Exam	
CP-6385	BUSBY, RILEY EVAN	Active	Exam	
CP-6386	DAVIS, DANICA JEAN	Active	Exam	
CP-6387	ZELIC, ZELJKO	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6388	PEERY, AARON JASON	Active	Reciprocity	CO
CP-6389	WELCH, MAKENZIE DIANE	Active	Exam	
CP-6390	ERICKSON, JUSTIN RICHARD	Active	Reciprocity	WI
CP-6391	TRACY, ELLIOTT MATTHEW	Active	Reciprocity	OR
CP-6392	DALTON, JACK ANDREW	Active	Reciprocity	WA
CP-6393	ASH, AMANDA LYN	Active	Exam	
CP-6394	FISHBURN, JOSHUA ROBERT	Active	Exam	
CP-6395	BOND, GAREN JAMES	Active	Exam	
CP-6396	WESSMAN, TIMOTHY KENT	Active	Exam	
CP-6397	BUTLER, TIMOTHY STEVEN	Active	Exam	
CP-6398	MACKINTOSH, WESTON BROCK	Active	Exam	
CP-6399	HYSELL, KATHY L	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6400	CASTRO, VERONICA	Active	Grad Transfer	IL
CP-6401	TAYLOR, LAWRENCE RICHARD	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6402	TSURUTA, KAISA	Active	Exam	
CP-6403	SWARTWOOD, JESSICA LYNN	Active	Exam	
CP-6404	FONTES, ALAN LEE	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6405	LUCIDO, GREGORY MICHAEL	Active	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6406	CLANIN, DENISE SUZETTE	Inactive	Reciprocity	CA
CP-6407	WILLIAMS, KORDELL JOHN	Active	Exam	
CP-6408	BROWN, CHRISTOPHER KENT	Active	Reciprocity	VA
CP-6409	DOWDLE, MARIANNE HAFEN	Active	Reciprocity	TX
CP-6410	GOSSE, LINDA MARIE	Active	Reciprocity	WA



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THE BALANCE SHEET

2021 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

It is renewal time for CPA/PA licensees and firms with an expiration date of 12/31/2021.

Renewal applications are submitted through your account at core.tn.gov. Timely renewal is important, as a late fee is assessed for licenses not renewed within thirty (30) days of the expiration date. Licenses not renewed within six (6) months of the expiration date will be subject to reinstatement requirements.

CPA firms and all odd-numbered CPAs/PAs should have received a postcard with renewal information. If you are due for renewal but have not received a postcard, take a moment to make sure the Board has a correct address on file for your license. Your address is displayed in your core.tn.gov account after clicking "Select" in the section "Manage your license, permit, registration, or company filing." You may choose the address change application from that screen if necessary.

Familiarize yourself with the [Continuing Professional Education](#) requirements for your license. If you have not met the CPE requirements for renewal and are no longer in public practice, you may change the status of your license through your account at core.tn.gov. You must request a change to Inactive status before the license expiration date.

CPE Documentation

The listing of CPE courses completed for your reporting period must include the sponsor's name, date(s) of training, title of program, CPE subject code and CPE credit awarded. This may be in the form of a list of your own, a transcript issued by the CPE sponsor, or a copy of your compliance report from the NASBA Audit Tool. CPE certificates are required only if you are selected for audit in the spring.

Active Military Documentation

Confirmation of continuing active service, such as active-duty orders.

Disabled Documentation

Confirmation of continuing disabled status, such as a letter from a physician or confirmation from a federal or state disability program.

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BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Governor Bill Lee has appointed W. Robert Vance, CPA, to serve a three-year term on the Board of Accountancy as a CPA representative of West Tennessee.



Robert Vance

Robert is a forensic CPA and forensic economist concentrating his practice on business valuation, divorce litigation support, commercial lost profits and personal injury economic damage calculations, forensic investigations, and expert witness testimony. Robert is the principal of Forensic & Valuation Services, PLC in Memphis, Tennessee.

Robert is a member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA) and National Association of Forensic Economics (NAFE). He is a Past-President of the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Society of CPAs (TSCPA) and is the Past-Chairman of the Forensic & Valuation Services Task Force of the TSCPA. Robert has served as an officer on several non-profit Boards and is a frequent speaker both locally and nationally.

2021 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

CPA/PA Licenses			
License Status	Renewal Fee	Late Fee	Additional Requirements
Active	\$110.00	\$100.00	Must attach list of CPE credits earned
Inactive, under age 65	\$110.00	\$100.00	No CPE Required
Inactive, age 65 or older	\$0.00	\$100.00	No CPE Required
Probation/ Suspended	\$110.00	\$100.00	Must attach list of CPE credits earned*
Retired, under age 65	\$110.00	\$100.00	No CPE Required
Retired, age 65 or older	\$0.00	\$100.00	No CPE Required
Active Military	\$0.00	\$100.00	Must submit supporting documentation
Disabled	\$0.00	\$100.00	Must submit supporting documentation

Firm Permits			
License Status	Renewal Fee	Late Fee	Additional Requirements
Firms Offering Attest Services	\$50.00	\$100.00	Must attach most the firm's most recent peer review report and acceptance letter
Non-Attest Firms	\$50.00	\$100.00	No Attachment Required

THANK YOU STEPHEN ELDRIDGE

Stephen Eldridge has completed his final term as a member of the Board of Accountancy, having served since July 1, 2012. Mr. Eldridge was elected as Board Secretary in 2016 and as Vice-Chair in 2017, a position he held for two years. He was a valued member of the Licensing, Enforcement, and Executive Committees.



Stephen Eldridge

The Board appreciates Mr. Eldridge's dedication to ensuring protection of the public while regulating accountants in Tennessee.

Board Members

The Board is composed of nine CPAs—three representing each Tennessee Grand Division, one attorney member, and one public member.

West Division

Pamela Church, CPA
John Griesbeck, CPA
William R. Vance, Jr, CPA

Middle Division

Kevin Monroe, CPA, Chair
Gay Moon, CPA
Janet Booker-Davis, CPA

East Division

Jack A. Bonner, Jr., CPA, Vice-Chair
Larry Elmore, CPA, Secretary
Gregory Gilbert, CPA

David Crenshaw, Attorney Member
Judy Wetherbee, Public Member

Staff Members

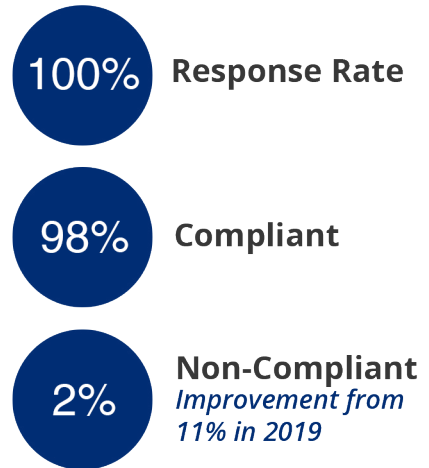
Wendy Garvin, Executive Director
Sharron Waugh, CPA, Investigator
Leann Blair, Education Coordinator
Karen Condon, Administrative Manager
Scott Force, Licensing Coordinator
Laura Pecunes, Administrative Assistant

CPE AUDIT RESULTS

CPAs with Active status must confirm compliance with CPE requirements by including a list of CPE credits with the license renewal application. Each year, the Board selects 10% of those licensees for a review of CPE credits during the Spring audit. Those selected are required to submit certificates corresponding to the list of credits submitted during renewal.

Board staff has completed the review of submissions for the 2021 CPE audit. For the second year running, we have had a 100% response rate. Of the 547 CPAs chosen for the audit, only eleven (or 2%) were found to be non-compliant with CPE requirements. This is a great improvement over the 2019 audit, which found nearly 11% of CPAs to be out of compliance.

Getting the necessary training prepares you for changes to standards and regulations. You are a member of an esteemed profession—maintaining your continuing education is crucial to providing quality services to your clients.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE MAKING

During its meeting on July 27, 2021 the Board adopted rules for promulgation.

The proposed rule changes pertain to educational requirements for individuals wishing to enter the certified public accountant (CPA) profession and have been created to encourage uniformity among the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. Proposed revisions include recognition of accrediting organizations by the Board, description of what qualifies as accounting education, and the addition of course content in areas such as digital acumen and data analytics.

The Tennessee State Board of Accountancy ("Board") will be conducting a Rulemaking Hearing on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 9:00 A.M in Room 1-A of the Davy Crockett

Tower, 500 James Robertson Pkwy., Nashville, TN 37243. Pursuant to the Tennessee Open Meetings Act (Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-44-101, et seq.), the above-referenced hearing is open to the public. If you have any comments regarding the rules, you may either submit your written comments in advance of the Rulemaking Hearing to Maria P. Bush, Associate Counsel at (615) 741-3072, electronically at Maria.P.Bush@tn.gov, or appear at the rulemaking hearing in person to make your comments on the record.

A copy of the rules to be considered at the rulemaking hearing can be viewed online at: https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules_filings/09-23-21.pdf



Have you met the state specific ethics (SSE) requirement for renewal? Are you sure?

- Licensees are required to complete a Board-approved two hour state-specific ethics course each renewal period.
- The Tennessee State Board of Accountancy has approved only one SSE course.
- Registered or Exempt CPE providers may apply to be SSE sponsors
- Approved sponsors are listed [online](#)
- Only this course fulfills your ethics requirement for renewal.

ELMORE JOINS NASBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) works to advance the effectiveness of Boards of Accountancy in all jurisdictions through the work of committees and tasks forces, spearheaded by the Board of Directors. The NASBA Board of Directors is composed of a Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, nine Directors-at-Large and a Regional Director from each of the eight Regions.

Tennessee Board Secretary Larry Elmore has been named as Regional Director for the Southeast Region, a position previously held by Tennessee Board Vice-Chair Andy Bonner. Tennessee Board members and staff are involved in several NASBA committees, ensuring that the interests of our licensees and the State of Tennessee are represented, and enhancing the common interests of all those in the accounting profession.



Larry Elmore

- Administration & Finance Committee (Andy Bonner)
- Audit Committee (Judy Wetherbee)
- CBT Administration Committee (Pamela Church)
- Ethics Committee (Greg Gilbert)
- Nominating Committee (Janet Booker-Davis)
- Peer Review Compliance Committee (Wendy Garvin)
- Uniform Accountancy Act Committee and Relations with Member Boards Committee (Larry Elmore)
- Regulatory Response Committee (Kevin Monroe and John Griesbeck)

ELIJAH WATTS SELLS AWARD

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) announced the winners of the 2020 Elijah Watts Sells Award.

The award is given to CPA candidates who have obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, passed all four sections of the Examination on their first attempt and completed testing in 2020. Out of the nearly 75,000 individuals sitting for the exam in 2020, only 89 met this criteria. The Board congratulates two Tennessee candidates for their achievement in receiving this award.

Natasha Lambert is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Indianapolis. Natasha is employed with Cumberland Consulting Group in Franklin, Tennessee.

William Martens is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in International Business and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Arkansas. Williams is employed with PwC in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Make Sure We Have the Correct Address

Do we have the correct address for you? Having the correct information helps ensure you will receive renewal notifications and other important communications from the Board in a timely manner.

Your CPA license file contains three addresses:

- Home Address
- Employment Address
- Preferred Mailing Address

The Board also sends notifications (such as renewal reminders) by email. Be sure to keep us up to date if you change your email address.

Any changes must be reported to the Board within 30 days. Board staff can update your file with written notice from you (mail, email, or fax). You may also update your address information [online](#). If you wait more than 30 days to report your address change, you must pay a fee of \$25.00.



Disciplinary Actions

May 2021

Name Larry's Tax and Accounting Service
Location Memphis, TN
Violation Unlicensed activity
Action \$1,000 civil penalty

Name K & S Bookkeeping & Tax
Location Newport, TN
Violation Unlicensed activity
Action \$1,000 civil penalty

June 2021

Name Joebutch & Company LLC
Location Tucker, GA
Violation Unlicensed activity
Action \$1,000 civil penalty

July 2021

No Action Taken

August 2021

Name Scott Dahlberg
Location Franklin, TN
Violation Dishonesty, fraud or gross negligence
Action Revocation of CPA license

September 2021

Name Miriam Wells
Location Athens, TN
Violation Dishonesty, fraud or

Action gross negligence
Revocation of CPA license

Name Glenn D. Edwards
Location Nashville, TN
Violation Failure to comply with peer review requirements and providing attest services after firm permit expired

Action \$2,250 civil penalty

Name Rick Harrison, CPA
Location Memphis, TN
Violation Failure to provide proof of accepted peer review pursuant to the terms of the Consent Order

Action Revocation of firm permit

Name Melissa Bowers
Location Murfreesboro, TN
Violation Failure to comply with peer review requirements and providing a false statement on a renewal application
Action \$2,000 civil penalty

October 2021

No Action Taken

Election of Officers

The Board of Accountancy annually elects a chair, vice chair and secretary from its members. Officer Elections were held at the Board's meeting on July 27, 2021.

Chair:
Kevin Monroe

Vice-Chair:
Andy Bonner

Secretary:
Larry Elmore

Board Meetings

The Board of Accountancy meets four times each year. Meetings are held in Davy Crockett Tower (500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville). Committee meetings take place on the day before each Board meeting. Meeting dates, agenda, and minutes are available on the [Board's website](#), which includes information for logging in to live meetings or replaying a prior meeting. The Board has scheduled meetings on the following dates:

January 25, 2022 October 25, 2022
May 3, 2022 January 31, 2023
July 26, 2022

SAVE TIME...APPLY ONLINE

The online licensing portal core.tn.gov allows you to renew your CPA license or firm permit quickly and conveniently. The portal offers resources beyond license renewals and includes applications to reactivate or close a license, change your address information, and much more. Online application submissions allow you to attach relevant documents and transmit a request directly to the Board.

- Initial license applications—CPA license and firm permits
- Status changes—Inactive status, CPA license closure, reactivation, reinstatement
- Continuing Professional Education—Audit responses, Pre-approval requests
- Address/Name change
- ...and more



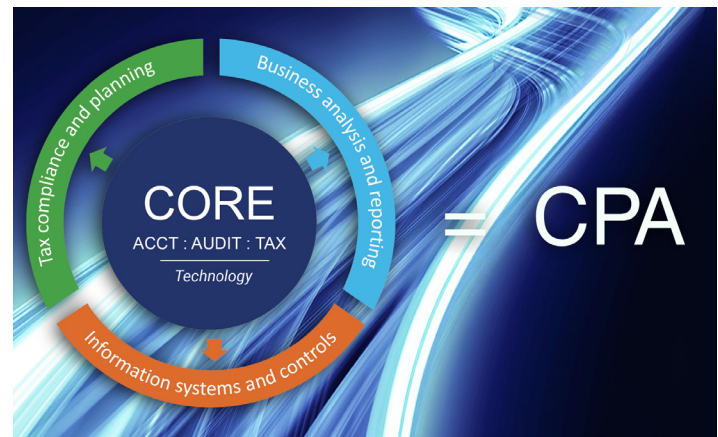
CPA EVOLUTION

The AICPA report 2019 Trends in the Supply of Accounting Graduates and Demand for Public Accounting Recruits shows that the accounting profession requires new skill sets because of the rapid advancement of emerging technology, especially in data science and analytics. This is changing how business is conducted within the profession and with what parties those within the profession interact and engage with on a daily basis. As a result, non-accounting graduates make up about 31% of all new graduate hires in public accounting — an increase of 11% from 2016 to 2018.

Technological innovation is impacting the profession and creating new marketplace demands. These innovations are creating new opportunities for CPAs, both in terms of the types of services they perform and in how those services are delivered. Accounting graduates and newly licensed CPAs must have the skills and expertise to support the growing technology demands.

A growing percentage of large-firm mergers involve non-CPA firms. The technologies discussed previously have impacted revenue generation of traditional compliance-based accounting services. Firms are expanding their services to incorporate niche areas such as cyber security, human resources, IT, wealth management, litigation support and more. This is creating new opportunities for CPAs, both in terms of the types of services they perform and in how those services are delivered.

All of these emerging technologies are creating new marketplace demands and opportunities for the accountancy profession. This means new skills are needed by those in the profession to continue to serve organizations and the public.



One of the ways the profession seeks to address this trend is through the CPA Evolution project. This project strives to ensure that CPAs can support an accounting profession that plays a critical role in protecting the public interest. CPA Evolution is a combined NASBA-AICPA initiative aimed at evolving CPA licensure to reflect the skills and knowledge CPAs increasingly need in a technology-driven marketplace. The new model will:

- Maintain a strong core with accounting, auditing, tax, and technology
- Ensure a deeper knowledge in three primary disciplines
- Enhance public protection
- Reflect reality of practice, with adaptability to the changing needs of the profession

Visit the [CPA Evolution website](#) for more information about the new CPA Licensure Model, resources for accounting educators, and more.

New CPA Skills

- Business intelligence
- Information security governance
- Cybersecurity risk management
- Data management
- Data analysis and reporting
- IT audit; risks and controls
- System and Organization Controls

What to Look For

- Fall 2021: Candidate transition policy announced
- July 2022: Exam Blueprint exposed for public comment
- January 2023: Exam Blueprint finalized
- January 2024: New Exam Launches

NEW CPA LICENSES ISSUED

The Tennessee Board of Accountancy issued 331 new CPA licenses, and 31 new firm permits, between May 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021.

CPA	License #	Cook, Kalen Hope	28153	George, Merrin Ann	28401	Kendzorski, David	28309
Agnew, Mary	28430	Cook, Thomas M	28263	Germain, Jon	28291	King, Abby Taylor	28436
Ahuja, Fatehdeep Singh	28382	Cornelius, Samantha Claire	28351	Gibler, Susan	28249	Kinney, Jacob Clinton	28135
Allen, Cary	28106	Cox, Ashleigh	28379	Giles, Kaylee Madison	28410	Kjell, Kelly	28224
Allen, John William	28371	Crafton, Elizabeth Carlisle	28334	Gillespie, Brandon	28209	Klein, Katherine	28253
Anderson, Zachary Ryan	28183	Crawford, Robert Andrew	28058	Glavan, Tyler	28190	Kondo, Yui	28121
Austin, Margaret	28381	Cunningham, Michael	28143	Goodhue, Kenneth Iii	28100	Konstant, Kylie	28355
Bacon, David Foster Iii	28157	Cuzmin, Evgheni Alexandr	28188	Goodwin, Benjamin	28245	Kragel, Kameron	28203
Bacon, Turner Joshua	28323	Danielczyk, Kalie	27778	Goodwin, Kathryn Boysen	28210	Kreb, Jennifer Lynn	28348
Bailey, Rebecca Carole	28247	Darrow, Jacob Tyler	28414	Goth, Jordan	28320	Lafever, Brittany Mariah	28202
Baker, Lindsey	28318	Davis, Connor Dillon	28223	Goyal Pavan Subhash	28393	Lang, Justin Michael	28310
Ballitch, Molly	28272	Davis, Melissa Sue	28118	Gray, Janine Ann	28266	Lange, Zachary	28300
Barger, Lia	28226	Dawson, David	28220	Gregory, Haley Nicole	28144	Larson, Erik	28357
Barnes, Jordan	28204	De Sio, Patrick Michael	28254	Grobeck, Kim Ellen	28422	Lavin, Benjamin Rockwell	28288
Barnes, Melissa Jean	28439	Deakins, Leah	28375	Grooms, Aaron	28267	Lawson, Eric Andrew	28102
Barnett, Braydon Richmond	28139	Dennison, Ryan Devon	28109	Hale, Samantha Lynn	28193	Lee, Savannah	28283
Bartlett, Emily Michelle	28238	Dewine, Thomas Jackson	28425	Hall, Goldie D	28305	Leung, Katherine	28282
Bass, Michael Christian	28257	Dhoot, Nilesh	28198	Hamm, Charles	28166	Lile, Codi F.	28125
Batta, Alexander Nicholas	28168	Distler, Madeline Ann	28117	Hannon, Jordan	28279	Linde, Grayson	28326
Baxter, Daniel Dean	28200	Dodd, Cameron	28129	Harper, William Andrew	28427	Lindsey, Lauren Elizabeth	28290
Bay, Kevin Anthony	28281	Doi, Sierra	28278	Harris, Jamie	28155	Litchfield, John Austin	28327
Belcher, Andrew Charles	28243	Duncan, Leigh Anne	28438	Harrison, Charles Blaine	28437	Lou, Yikun	28131
Benson, Cheryl Lynn	28431	Dunlap, Conner	28239	Harter, Seth	28248	Lovelace, Donald	28306
Blumer, Bradley Allen	28304	Dunn, Benjamin Parham	28115	Haugen, David	28154	Luker, Kathleen	28412
Boggs, Breanna Mai	28276	Dunn, Nancy	28405	Hayden, Travis	28409	Maddalena, Mary Elizabeth	28233
Booker, Kristen Denise	28230	Duran, Anthony Joseph	28396	Herbert, Robert Nathaniel	28390	Maley, Zachary	28399
Borne, Zachary	28180	Dutton, James F.	28292	High, Gregory Mckale	28336	Manilow, Paul	28296
Bowling, Karen May	28123	East, David Alexander	28364	Hildabrand, Ross Conner	28420	Marcks, Angela Christeen	28176
Briscoe, Tiara	28237	Ebersbacher, Beegie	28321	Hildreth, Tayler	28301	Markham, Rebekah	28423
Brokamp, Christopher A.	28343	Edwards, Ellen Rose	28426	Hill, Jonathan William	28265	Marple, Alexandra	28182
Brown, Griffin Louis	28383	Eisberg, Andrew	28228	Hitchcock, Joshua	28275	Marshall, Gary Duane	28260
Brown, Latasha Nichole	28302	Eldridge, Douglas Joseph	28195	Hobby, Kathleen	28179	Martin, David Woodward	28251
Brown, Macie Elizabeth	28404	Elkins, Reagan	28133	Hodges, Ashli Symone	28356	Mashburn, Paula D.	28417
Brzozowicz, James M. A.	28205	Elliott, Ryan	28424	Horton, Robert Chase	28096	Maynord, Kelsey	28324
Bucholtz, Steven Joseph	28319	Elshahat, Islam	28141	Howard, Ethan Lawrence	28242	Mcclung, Teresa Marie	28234
Burkett, Morgan Lynn	28171	Evans, Ali	28332	Hsiao, Nathan	28189	Mcdonnell, Kevin Shawn	28365
Burns, Connor	28130	Evans, Taylor Duncan	28293	Huber, Hudson	28194	McCreynolds, Charles B.	28250
Caldwell, Jessica Lynn	28150	Fall, James A Iii	28333	Hughes, Stephanie Kelly	28389	Meadows, Lindsey	28303
Calhoun, Corey James	28429	Faughnan, Caitlin	28161	Hunt, Mollie	28111	Meinardi, Andrea	28191
Camblin, Justin Ryan	28199	Fickle, William James	28236	Huse, Thomas A	28184	Meredith, Brittany	28316
Campagna, Ryan	28397	Fillers, Kevin Paul	28311	Inman, Connor Evan	28181	Mesman, Sherry	28196
Campbell, John Gordon	28352	Fly, John	28087	Ivey, Raines	28020	Misch, Allyson Marie	28377
Cao, Ni	28241	Foard, Julianne	28173	Jabastian, Deepak Jefferson	28222	Morgan, Marcus Antonio	28218
Carico, Stephen Bruce	28294	Follis, Shelby Lee	28147	Jack, Donald Morrison	27317	Morgan, Nathan	28392
Carlson, Cathy Lee	28358	Frank, Nicholas	28122	Jackson, Chadden	28315	Morris, Benjamin H	28277
Carpenter, Bain Wilkinson Jr	28330	Franklin, Holly Nicole	28289	Jacobson, Austin	28128	Moss, Dashanique E. A.	28325
Carruth, Chandler	28413	Freeland, George L. III	28312	Janouch, Amanda	28295	Multerer, Caitlin	28156
Chalk, Matthew	28240	Friedrich, Caroline Murphy	28328	Jarma, Luis	27820	Murphy, Charles Edward	28163
Chandler, Carter	28208	Frisch, Dena Gabrielle	28398	Jashi, Valerie Anne	28167	Muse, Francois	28213
Clark, Jorian T. Mcmillion	28350	Gabe, Ina	28232	Jeffcoat, Sydney Elizabeth	28175	Muse, Piper	28206
Clayton, William Taylor	28126	Galanti, Casey	28264	Jenkins, Kayla Michelle	28149	Musgrove, Caitlin	28349
Cleary, Ryan Daniel	28329	Gamez, Kim	28335	Johnson, Harper	28313	Myers, Ciara	28298
Coates, Emily	28346	Gandhi, Ishita	28341	Johnson, Lindsey Erin Gross	28280	Naumovski, Braden	28158
Cochran, David Lee	28127	Gasiorowski, Benjamin	28394	Johnson, Lynn Maree	28164	Nguyen, Johnny	28345
Collico, Tyler	28347	Geisen, William Anton Ii	28246	Jones, Cara	28186	Niemann, Catherine M	28354
Combs, Sydney	28307	Gentile-Soldo, Julie	28172	Jones, Lincoln	28215	Nipper, Ashley	28110
Connolly, Edward David	28378	George, Alexandria Eleni	28403	Jordan, Cameran	28108	Noelke, Matthew	28227

NEW CPA LICENSES ISSUED (CONTINUED)

Oehring, Ian	28119	Robertson, Christopher	28367	Spence, Alexandria Karis	28138	Tuovila, Alicia Marie	28322
Orrell, Samuel Louis	28212	Rodamaker, Mackenzie	28140	Sprague, Derek	28337	Tuppal, Srinidhi	28217
Osteen, Benjamin	28136	Rolfe, Nicholas Turner	28112	Stafford, Anna Claire	28261	Veith, Nicholas	28262
Page, Ryan	28214	Ross, Adam	27995	Stanfield, Stephanie M.	28132	Vergeer, Robert	28297
Parra, Ana Clara	28120	Rowsey, Emily	28114	Steele, Jason Daniel	28174	Voltaggio, Christina S	28285
Patel, Arpan V	28169	Rutledge, Jess Mcghee	28207	Stejskal, Stephen Paul	28259	Wadley, Madison Gabrielle	28342
Patel, Ilyasdhai	28385	Ryp, Benjamin S	28197	Stephenson, William L.	28105	Waggoner, James Patrick Jr.	28369
Patel, Jay	28286	Samples, Hannah Raquel	28185	Stevens, Patrick	28170	Walker, Bradley	28395
Pedro, Niel Caio	28221	Sams, Elizabeth Francisco	28256	Strevell, Jack	28433	Wang, Xiaodun	28142
Person, Michael	28408	Sanders, Joshua	28314	Strieter, Alec	28219	Watson, Tyler	28201
Phillips, Gabrielle	28178	Sartor, Casey James	28145	Strout, Austin	28368	Westerheide, Mark	28340
Pirkle, Hilary Hartnett	28384	Seals, John Tyler	28271	Strutz, Robert	28160	Westman, William Patrick	28273
Pitts, Carter	28428	Seaman, Clayton Alexander	28187	Sullivan, Jessica	28211	Wheeler, Alexander Kyle	28101
Porter, Tanya Marie Laing	28192	Seibel, Charlotte Michelle	28148	Summerall, Reagan Leigh	28103	White, Rachel Elizabeth	28402
Prevost, Austin Sanders	28124	Sharabati, Omar	28134	Svoboda, Meaghen K.	28366	Whitson, Ashleigh Kelly	28151
Primrose, Alexandria	28386	Shaub, James Luton Iii	28359	Tasche, Marci Margaret	28225	Williams, Michael	28339
Privett, Ryan	28331	Shettle, David	28137	Thakurdas, Puja	28415	Williamson, William Robert	28216
Probasco, Laura Carmichael	28376	Simpson, Brooke	28235	Thiel, Maria Kees	28255	Witt, Bradley	28268
Pruitt, Claire Elizabeth	28258	Simpson, Rachel	28380	Thompson, Tyler Overton	28338	Wojcik, Christopher A.	28362
Raidt, Daniel Alexander	28107	Sizemore, Logan Rhea	28270	Tidmore, Travis	28421	Wolf, Darren	28269
Raj, Joseph Hunter	28411	Slater, Jalisa Patrice	28159	Ting-Wimberly, Lap Kwan	28299	Wooley, Hunter Allen	28244
Ramey, Grant James	28400	Smith, Amy	28387	Tomlin, Brooke	28116	Wrenn, Anabel	28177
Randolph, Matthew	28231	Smith, Christina Maria	28274	Trujillo, Alexander Salvador	28317	Xu, Yingbo	28308
Reuter, Elijah	28434	Snyder, Jared	28407	Tubbs, Nowlin Christopher	28284	Yarborough, Aaron Dean	28287
Richmer, Lacey	28162	Southworth, Rebekah Jean	28370	Tucker, Linda	28104	Yastrebova, Tatiana	28152
Robertson, Calais Loftus	28388	Sparkman, Sam	28252	Tudor, Kaylin	28146	Young, Tamioka Deshawn	28165

FIRM PERMITS

A3 ACCOUNTING SERVICES	4843	KIM E GROBECK CPA	4848
AMY NORWOOD CPA CVA	4835	LCMA FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	4828
ANDREW OAKLEY CPA	4826	LEE BRENK CPA PLLC	4829
ASHLEY GARRISON CPA	4825	MAGEN SMITH CPA	4822
BRAGG & CO. CPAS	4837	MEGHANI CPA CORP	4830
BRYAN GILLIT CPA LLC	4817	MIKE SULLIVAN CPA	4831
C.M.C. CPA PC	4827	MORRISON CPA PLLC	4832
CAPITAL CITY ACCOUNTANCY PC	4833	NAVKEEP SOLUTIONS LLC	4844
DANIEL A. CARTER CPA PC	4818	PHILLIP REYNOLDS CPA	4836
DENTAL ROI ASSOCIATES	4815	PROVISION CPA	4841
DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN LLP	4839	SCENIC CITY ACCOUNTING GROUP PLLC	4823
J. CHRISTIAN MCCREADY CPA LLC	4820	TABITHA RIDGE CPA PROFESSIONAL LLC	4849
KEEFE CRITES AND DOUGLAS PLLC	4824	THE HYATT COMPANY OF TN PLLC	4515
KEITH FULFER CPA	4819	TODD H WRIGHT CPA	4821
KELSEY GLASS CPA PLLC	4838	WHITE HARBOR ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS	4834
KETRON MASINO & ASSOCIATES CPAS PLLC	4816		

CANDIDATE FILES ONLINE

CPA candidates who have met education, experience, and examination requirements may apply for a license only if the Board has received their exam grades and transcripts (the Candidate File) from NASBA. Board staff is tasked with contacting candidates when these files are received. This is sometimes hindered by outdated contact information within the file, leading to a delay in the application process.

To ease the process for prospective CPAs, the Board has created a [new area of the website](#) dedicated to housing a list of candidate files. The list is updated weekly as new files are received and serves as the confirmation candidates need to proceed with a license application. [Click here for license and exam requirements](#), including application instructions.

REACTIVATION AND REINSTATEMENT

Ready to resume practice in Tennessee? The Tennessee Board has two avenues to bring a CPA license back to Active status, depending on the current license status.

A license in Closed, Inactive, or Retired status may be reactivated. Licenses that have expired, and those that were revoked or suspended, must be reinstated.

These applications are available through your account at core.tn.gov.

Reactivation requires 80 hours of CPE in [technical subjects](#), earned in the 24 months immediately preceding the application date, including at least two hours of board approved Tennessee State Ethics. If earned in the appropriate years, the CPE may be used again for license renewal.

Reinstatement of an expired license requires 80 hours of CPE in [technical subjects](#), earned in the 6 months

License Status	Requirements
Inactive/Retired	80 CPE hours in 24 months
Closed	80 CPE hours in 24 months; \$110.00
Expired	80 Penalty CPE hours in 6 months; \$250.00
Revoked/Suspended	Board appearance; \$250.00

immediately preceding the application date, including at least two hours of board approved Tennessee State Ethics. This is penalty CPE that cannot be applied to any other purpose.

Reinstating a revoked or suspended CPA license requires review and approval by the Board as outlined in Accountancy Rule 0020-01-.10. The Board may impose CPE and/or other requirements.

NEW RULES

A recent rule amendment adds language to the Continuing Education portion of the Board's rules regarding [State-Specific Ethics](#) CPE.

Effective October 6, 2021, all renewing CPAs with a CPE requirement must earn the two credit hours in State-Specific Ethics (SSE). First-time renewers with a shortened CPE requirement were previously exempt

from this requirement. Two credit hours in SSE is now also required for those reactivating an Inactive or Closed license, and those reinstating an Expired license.

A full copy of the continuing education rules can be [viewed online](#). Keep abreast of notifications such as rule changes by [signing up](#) for email or text alerts.

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December 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Dave Trujillo, CPA, Executive Director
2022 on the Horizon

The year is nearing its end; we hoped that the new year would allow us to return to pre-COVID conditions. Unfortunately, new variants continue to emerge and that return remains elusive. With the pandemic continuing into the new year, business uncertainty remains and Board licensees and stakeholders continue to experience anxiety and concern. To that end, please know that Board staff will continue to look for ways to improve services, and while we are still bound by Governor Inslee's re-entry guidelines, we have flexibility to schedule in-office meetings, if appropriate. To aid in your respective planning processes, here are two items that the Board will be working through in 2022.

Peer Review: The AICPA's Peer Review program was established many years ago for the purpose of improving the quality of accounting, auditing, and attestation services performed by CPAs. In our state, this program is administered by the Washington Society of CPAs (WSCPA) and the Board participates via our sanctioned Peer Review Oversight Committee which includes Board Members and volunteer Board Representatives. Due to upcoming changes envisioned, the Society will no longer be our state's administering entity and is looking at other states and their models for a solution; the Board will be an active participant in this search for a solution because it impacts Washington State licensees. This topic was briefly discussed at the October 2021 Annual Board meeting and will be a topic of future Board meetings. In other peer review program news, the AICPA will be holding a Peer Reviewer Forum on December 13, 2021 from 11am-12pm (EST), and the AICPA Peer Review Board approved an exposure draft of the proposed clarified peer review standards and is requesting comments on the proposed changes be submitted by December 15, 2021.

CPA-Inactive Certificate Holders: The WSCPA will propose legislation to change RCW 18.04 relative to those holding CPA-Inactive certificates issued by the Board. The change is to promote clarity, reduce confusion in accounting titles, and benefit licensees. This provides the opportunity for another status to those CPAs that are not ready to retire their license. This also aligns our terminology and licensure status with other state and territory boards of accountancy. Board staff are supportive of this proposal. This will be a topic of the next Board meeting. Proposed language is expected to be introduced for the 2022 Legislative session.

It has been a challenging year for you, working under pandemic conditions and learning a new Board licensing system. Thank you for the work you do for the citizens of Washington and being a Board licensee. I wish you all the best in 2022.

Sincerely,

Dave Trujillo, CPA
Executive Director

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TIME TO RENEW!

It's that time of year again for over 8,000 of you – CPAs, CPA firms, non- licensee firm owners, and CPA-inactive certificate holders alike. Renewal reminders will be sent at the beginning of January by email and mail. Keep in mind that if your contact information is not up-to-date, you may not receive your reminders even if it is your renewal year. If you are unsure, check the [licensee search](#) for your expiration date.



Dates and Fees -- If 2022 is your renewal year, online applications can be submitted starting January 1 and by April 30, to avoid the late fee. Renewal applications submitted between May 1 and June 30 will be assessed a \$100 late fee. The renewal application fee is \$230. CPA firms will have additional fees if making firm changes or if participating in peer review.

We suggest you submit your application early. April is generally your busiest time of year, as well as ours.

CPE Reporting Compliance -- CPE reminders were sent in October, and you were notified that logging your completed CPE into the CPE Tracker is now required for renewals. The CPE Tracker is available through your [Secure Access Washington \(SAW\)](#) account on your Board of Accountancy service dashboard. This is also where you will submit your renewal application once your CPE has been logged.

You must log enough completed CPE to show that you have met your renewal requirement before the application will allow you to move forward.

The CPE Tracker documentation (CPE course completion certificates, etc.) upload feature is optional. Uploading your CPE documentation is only required when you are requesting a CPE extension or you are notified that you have been selected for the CPE audit.

CPE Extension Requests -- If you did not complete your CPE requirements by December 31, 2021, but will be able to complete them by your expiration date, you may request a CPE extension on your renewal application.

For licensees who did not meet the 20-hour minimum annual requirement in 2020 or 2021, you will need to request a CPE extension. You can complete the missed hours in another year of your CPE reporting period or by June 30, 2022.

Instructions for requesting a CPE extension can be found on our website (<https://acb.wa.gov>) on the "Not Enough CPE to Renew" page.

We are here to help with any questions you may have. You can email us at:
customerservice@acb.wa.gov.

Happy holidays!

WHEN THE BOARD RECEIVES A COMPLAINT...

The Board handles complaints received against CPAs in Washington State. Our first step involves sending the CPA a copy of the complaint received and requiring a response.

This initial letter to the CPA is an opportunity to provide a response, any documentation, and opens the lines of communication. It is crucial to respond and to stay in contact; failure to respond may result in the Board proceeding without the CPA's input or documentation, and is also a violation of Board rule.

Throughout the process, we are available to assist with questions about the process. Please reach out to us at any time at investigations@acb.wa.gov. However, we cannot offer legal advice, referrals, or recommendations. We also cannot provide timelines or expectations for the outcome of a complaint.

Once concluded, every complaint is formally closed by a letter in writing to the complainant and the CPA.





2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Board meetings are open to the public, and your participation is valued and encouraged. We post the [meeting agendas](#) to the website approximately two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting. You are able to provide your thoughts on any agenda item; plus you have the opportunity to speak on any topic during the public input section at the end of the meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 virus all meetings have been scheduled to be held virtually. Meetings will be changed to physical locations when it is safe to do so. We will post information on accessing the meetings on our website at www.acb.wa.gov as each meeting date approaches.

January 28, 2022	Microsoft Teams Meeting
April 29, 2022	Microsoft Teams Meeting
July 29, 2022	Microsoft Teams Meeting
October 28, 2022	Microsoft Teams Meeting

All meetings start promptly at 9:00 a.m.
Hope to virtually see you there!



BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill two vacancies on the Board of Accountancy. One position needs to be filled by Certified Public Accountants (CPA). In order to be eligible to serve in that position, you must be a resident of Washington and have been licensed continuously in this state for the previous ten years. If you have an interest, we want to hear from you.

The second position is for a public member. This is a great opportunity for a non-CPA to join the Board and have a voice in the accounting profession. You must be qualified to determine whether the qualifications, activities, and professional practice of those regulated under the Public Accountancy Act conform with standards to protect the public interest. If you know of someone who may have an interest, please let them know of this opportunity.



The mission of the Board is to promote the dependability of information that is used for guidance in financial transactions. Service on the Board is service to the people of the State of Washington and to our profession. If appointed, you would be expected to participate at Board meetings, which are held on a quarterly basis at various locations throughout the state. (Currently the Board meetings are being held virtually until it is safe to return to physical locations.) Board members provide input on changes to the laws and regulations that affect the practice of public accounting in our state, and are expected to act in an adjudicative capacity in disciplinary actions when individual CPAs or firms have violated the Public Accountancy Act, RCW 18.04, or related Rules WAC 4-30.

While in service to the Board, you will be governed by the Ethics in Public Service Act, RCW 42.52. If selected, you will receive an orientation and training on your role as a Board member. Travel costs are reimbursed for Board meetings or other events in which you may be expected to participate.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, you may contact Dave Trujillo, CPA, Executive Director, at (360) 664-9268 or dave.trujillo@acb.wa.gov. You may also submit an application directly to the [Governor's Office](#).

HELPFUL HINTS – CPE REPORTING

Using the CPE Tracker is now mandatory for each renewal period. These helpful tips will make the process run more smoothly for you.

- Enter your CPE throughout your CPE reporting period – don't wait until you are completing your renewal application to enter all of your CPE.
- Enter longer courses first, if you complete more than the required 120 hours. You only have to enter your Washington State Board approved ethics course plus another 116 hours.
- Keep in mind your 20-hour minimum annual CPE requirement.
- Upload of CPE course completion certificates is only required if you are requesting a CPE Extension or if you are notified that you have been selected for the CPE audit.
- Have all of your CPE course information handy when you sit down to enter it. The CPE Tracker requires the input of all fields before you can add the course and continue to the next course.

And last but not least:

- Remember the user name and password for your Secure Access Washington (SAW) account registered with the Board. Creating a new SAW account each time you enter CPE becomes very time consuming.

CPE RECIPROCITY

Washington State CPA licensees who do not reside in Washington may qualify for CPE reciprocity. To qualify you must:

- Be a resident of one of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions
- Hold an active license in the jurisdiction in which you reside and is your principal place of business
- Meet the CPE requirements for license renewal in your residency jurisdiction (if that jurisdiction has no CPE requirements, the CPE requirements for Washington must be met)

If this is you, you do not need to log your completed CPE into the CPE Tracker for your renewal with us.

Questions related to CPE reciprocity are built into the renewal application, so you will claim CPE reciprocity when you submit your renewal. Please see WAC 4-30-134(7) for the full Board Rule.

Real Time CPE Audits (RTCA)

The requirement to do 100% CPE reporting in your CPE Tracker will provide a unique opportunity for the Board to begin Real Time CPE Audits (RTCA).

What does RTCA mean for you?

If you are selected for the RTCA, you will receive notification within 30 days of submitting your renewal application, rather than months later.

What will you need to do if you are selected for the RTCA?

As noted in your October CPE Reminder Notice:

Do I have to use the CPE Tracker to report my CPE?

Yes, 100% CPE reporting is now required. You must log enough completed CPE to show that you have met your renewal requirement.

The CPE Tracker documentation upload feature is optional. Uploading your CPE documentation is only required when you are requesting a CPE extension or you are notified that you have been selected for the CPE audit.

If you have uploaded your certificates of completion to your CPE Tracker, you will have no action needed when you get the audit notice. If you have not uploaded your certificates, you will be asked to do so within 30 days of notice of audit selection.

Notifications will come from cpe@acb.wa.gov. Please add this email address to your safe list.

FOLLOW UP AUDIT- 2019

Extension Request, Pre-lapsed Reinstatement, or Enforcement Action Item

In 2019, did you have an Extension Request, Pre-lapsed Reinstatement, or Enforcement action item stating you would be added to the next CPE audit? This is your year! Please do not submit your renewal application without all of your CPE documentation uploaded to your CPE tracker. Your application for renewal will not be approved until you have passed the CPE audit.



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK with a long-term condition has increased by 50% (Department of Health 1999).

There is a growing emphasis on the need to improve the management of long-term conditions in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a strategy for the management of long-term conditions, which includes a number of key principles. One of the key principles is that people with long-term conditions should be able to manage their condition in the community, rather than being hospitalised. This requires a number of things, including: people being able to access the services they need; people being able to understand their condition and how to manage it; and people being able to work with their healthcare professionals to develop a management plan that meets their needs.

One of the ways in which this can be achieved is through the use of self-management support. Self-management support is a process by which people are helped to develop the skills and confidence to manage their condition in the community. This can be done through a number of different methods, including: group support; individual support; and self-help materials.

Self-management support can be provided in a number of different ways. It can be provided by healthcare professionals, such as nurses or doctors, or it can be provided by lay people, such as peer educators. It can be provided in a number of different settings, including: the community; the workplace; and the home.

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Michael M. Savoy, CPA
President

Message From the President

As we come to the dawn of a new year, I am excited to step back into the role of President of the California Board of Accountancy (CBA). I appreciate my colleagues for entrusting me with this position and will use my time as President to work for the consumers of California to meet the CBA's consumer protection mission. Sharing in the Board leadership with me will be our newly elected Vice-President Mark J. Silverman, Esq., and Secretary/Treasurer Katrina L. Salazar, CPA. I would also like to thank our immediate past President Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA, for her two years of dedicated service and leadership.

Heading into 2022, the CBA has many priorities to focus on. Some of the important areas include forming a Task Force to study the attest experience and general accounting experience requirements for CPA licensure, and guiding the CBA through the next phases of its Business Modernization Project.

Another priority on the 2022 agenda will be preparing for the upcoming sunset review, as the CBA's sunset date is January 1, 2024. Each Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) regulatory board and bureau is required to undergo this legislative review every four years. The name sunset review originates from the fact that the law which requires these reviews stipulates an expiration date, so the Board's authority would "sunset" if the Legislature and Governor fail to enact a bill that would reauthorize the CBA. The CBA will assemble its sunset report containing information related to its licensing, enforcement, and related functions and present it to the Legislature late in 2022, allowing time to evaluate it and hold a hearing with the CBA during 2023.

You can hear more about our priorities for the upcoming year in a soon-to-be-posted CBA podcast. Yes, the CBA is entering the world of podcasting, and I will be the guest on the inaugural episode, which will be posted to the CBA website in December. There is more information about this CBA podcast series on page 8 of this issue of *UPDATE*.

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MISSION & VISION

To protect consumers by ensuring only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards.

All consumers are well-informed and receive quality accounting services from licensees they can trust.

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I encourage you to stay engaged with our progress on these matters and other important topics the CBA will be involved in by watching the webcasts of our meetings, which are posted under the "Communications & Outreach" tab on the [CBA website](#). Another way to stay up to date with the CBA is by following us on social media on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#).

Together, I look forward to making 2022 a productive year for the consumers, applicants, and licensees of the state of California.

Michael M. Savoy, CPA
CBA President



Immediate Past President's Message

It has been an honor serving as President of the California Board of Accountancy these past two years. I would like to extend my gratitude to my fellow Board members for their hard work serving the consumers of California during this time. To the CBA staff: It has been a pleasure working with all of you as well; your dedication really shows, which is a benefit to the public you are tasked with protecting. To the California consumers and licensees: Thank you for trusting us with overseeing the accounting profession and ensuring it functions properly and licensees practice in accordance with professional standards. Thank you also to the California Society of CPAs—whom I enjoyed teaming up with on many occasions—for its willingness to partner with the CBA and help amplify our messaging.

At the November CBA Meeting, members elected their new officers for the upcoming year. I wish to congratulate those who will guide the CBA into 2022: CBA President Michael M. Savoy, CPA; Vice-President Mark J. Silverman, Esq.; and Secretary/Treasurer Katrina L. Salazar, CPA.

While much of the past two years was affected by the pandemic, due to the resilience of the entire CBA organization, we were still able to accomplish many things to improve the way we serve our consumers, applicants, and licensees. Our Business Modernization Project continued, introducing a new [online application](#) in 2021 with many more exciting enhancements on the horizon. A spotlight was shined on preventing elder financial abuse with an article in *UPDATE 93*, and a [new webpage](#) was created on the CBA website with resources on how to prevent and report such abuse. Our outreach efforts increased with the ability to conduct events virtually, with the CBA reaching more than 600 potential future CPAs during our various events in 2021.

I would also like to thank those serving on the three CBA Advisory Committees: the Enforcement Advisory Committee, the Peer Review Oversight Committee, and the Qualifications Committee. Your assistance is very much appreciated and is an important facet of the CBA fulfilling its consumer-protection mission. There are still vacancies on two committees, so as someone who has learned firsthand how rewarding volunteering on these committees can be, I encourage you to seriously consider applying to fill one of these empty chairs. You can find more information under the "[Opportunities to Serve](#)" quick link on the CBA website.

I wish you all the best as we head into the new year.

Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA
Immediate Past President



Patti Bowers
Executive Officer

Message From the Executive Officer

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank former President Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA, for two years of outstanding leadership, much of which occurred during the unprecedented COVID-19 years. I also welcome Michael M. Savoy, CPA, back to the president's role, and am excited to work with him as he guides the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) in 2022.

It is also a good time to reflect back on what the CBA achieved during 2021. This wouldn't have been possible without a dedicated group of CBA members and staff striving to fulfill our mission of consumer protection. It's a pleasure to work alongside them all. Let me begin by highlighting two of this year's achievements:

- **Online Application for CPA Licensure**—Launched in April, this online portal benefits our licensing applicants by streamlining all aspects of the application process into one user-friendly online experience. Applicants are now able to fill out the application, submit payment by credit card, and upload necessary documents entirely on the [CBA website](#). After submission, applicants have access to a personal dashboard where they can track the progress of their application. This all amounts to a substantial upgrade for our licensing applicants.
- **Assembly Bill 298**—The passage of this CBA-sponsored legislation in September will make a difference for our examination applicants by

accelerating the timeline for them to be able to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination. See pages 4 and 6 for more explanation and details about this bill.

As excited as we are about these and other accomplishments of 2021, we are just as excited looking ahead at the approaching years. The CBA began a Strategic Planning Workshop at the November meeting, to be completed at the January meeting, which will ultimately result in our 2022–24 Strategic Plan. Thank you to the many individuals who provided input via our online survey and other methods, all of which was examined during this process. I look forward to sharing our vision for the next three years with you soon.

If you haven't already, please connect with us on social media. This is a great way to learn quickly about developments with the CBA. You can find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#). The CBA recently surpassed 10,000 followers combined on these platforms.

The CBA also invites you to [give us your feedback](#) and let us know how we did in a recent interaction you may have had with us, whether by email, social media, or telephone. We value your opinion, which will help us improve our customer service to consumers and licensees.

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of *UPDATE*.

Patti Bowers
Executive Officer



CBA Member Dan Jacobson Reappointed

On November 29, 2021, Mr. Dan Jacobson, Esq., was reappointed to the California Board of Accountancy for a second term by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. He was originally appointed in September 2017.

Mr. Jacobson has practiced civil litigation law in California since 1988. He has served on the Board of Governors of the California Insurance Guarantee Association and as a temporary judge for the Orange County Superior Court. Mr. Jacobson is an adjunct professor of law at Pacific West College of Law, the author of numerous scholarly articles, an expert witness-consultant in the field of property/casualty insurance, and the immediate past chair of the Democratic Foundation of Orange County.

Mr. Jacobson earned a juris doctorate from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1987. He received his bachelor of science in laws degree from the same institution in 1986.

His term expires January 1, 2025.

CBA-Sponsored Legislation Benefitting Exam Applicants Signed

The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) is pleased to announce the passage of its sponsored legislation for this year. Assembly Bill (AB) 298 (Chapter 300 of the Statutes of 2021) was introduced on the CBA's behalf by Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin.

The bill was introduced in March 2021, and initially sought to address three issues. The largest change was to enable applicants to apply for the Uniform CPA Examination (CPA Exam) 180 days before they complete the educational requirements typically required for the CPA Exam.

Two other areas of change clarify existing statute. In one change, the bill provides statutory authority for all elected officers to preside over CBA meetings. The other stipulates that email addresses provided to the CBA by applicants and licensees are deemed to be protected from disclosure under the Public Records Act.

After working with stakeholders, including the California Society of CPAs, a fourth element of the bill was included, the ethics education requirements were expanded and now include "auditing" and "fraud" courses. This change continues to uphold the strong ethics education requirements for California CPA licensure.

AB 298 takes effect January 1, 2022.

For updates on all bills on which the CBA took a position this legislative session, please visit the [CBA website](https://www.cba.org), and under the "Quick Hits" section, click "Laws and Rules," and then select "Pending Legislation." To learn more about bills introduced in the California Legislature, please visit www.leginfo.ca.gov.

CPA Evolution—A Model for the Future

The CPA Evolution initiative is a joint effort of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) aimed to transform the CPA licensure model in recognition of the rapidly changing skills and competencies the practice requires today, and will require in the future.

The Uniform CPA Examination (CPA Exam) will be undergoing changes as part of the CPA Evolution licensure model, and all candidates will be required to pass three core exam sections covering:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting (CORE FAR)
- Auditing and Attestation (CORE AUD)
- Taxation and Regulation (CORE REG)

Each candidate will also choose one of these disciplines as their area of interest to demonstrate greater knowledge and skills:

- Business Analysis and Reporting (BAR)
- Information Systems and Controls (ISC)
- Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)

Technology concepts will be incorporated within all core and discipline sections. Regardless of a candidate's chosen discipline, the CPA Evolution model leads to CPA licensure, with rights, privileges, and responsibilities consistent with the present CPA license.

At the 2021 NASBA Regional Meeting, the AICPA unveiled the initial draft content for each of the proposed core and discipline sections of the 2024 CPA Exam. The announcement was followed by the distribution of the practice analysis survey background to all state boards of accountancy, state societies, accounting firms, business and industry, and academia to provide the opportunity to identify concerns with the draft core and discipline CPA Exam sections, prior to a full exposure draft in July 2022. It is anticipated the 2024 CPA Exam details and blueprints will be announced in January 2023.

NASBA and the AICPA recently announced details of a transition period to ensure candidates retain credit for CPA Exam sections passed prior to January 2024, when the new CPA Evolution model is implemented. Previous section(s) credited will migrate in January 2024 as:

- Auditing and Attestation (AUD) will count for CORE AUD
- Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) will count for CORE FAR
- Regulation (REG) will count for CORE REG

To ensure candidates retain credit for a previous Business and Environment (BEC) section passed at the time the new CPA Evolution model is implemented, the BEC can be used to satisfy the discipline requirement. A previously passed BEC section will be counted toward the new disciplines as either BAR, ISC, or TCP.

For more information on CPA Evolution, please visit www.evolutionofcpa.org.

Email Collection Reminder

California Board of Accountancy
Consumer Protection Through Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation

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Consumers Applicants Licensees Military/Refugees Communications & Outreach About the CBA

Licensee Email Registration

If you received your initial license prior to 2020, you should have received a letter in early 2020 with a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN).

To register your email address, please enter your license number and PIN below:

License Number

PIN

If you no longer have your PIN, please click here to [request a new one](#).

Connect with the CBA

License Lookup

Quick Hits

Are you one of the 22,000 licensees who registered and verified their email address on the CBA website? If so, thank you! If not, this is a reminder that licensees are required to provide the CBA with a current, valid email address. Not only is submitting your email required, it also ensures you get information in a more timely fashion from the CBA. However, with over 110,000 licensees (this requirement also applies to partnerships, firms, and corporations), many email addresses still have not been registered.

If you received your initial CPA license in 2020 or later, then the CBA has your email address and this does not apply to you.

But if you have been licensed since 2019 or before, you do need to register your email address with the CBA. The good news is the process is very simple, and shouldn't take longer than 60 seconds! Just click on the [email registration link](#) on the front page of the CBA website, and enter your license number along with the unique PIN you were mailed in early 2020. If you can't locate your PIN, there's an easy way to request a new one right on the same page.

If you change your email address at any point, you will need to update it with the CBA. You can do this by filling out a [Change of Address Form](#) and emailing it back to the address listed on the form.

So, if you still haven't registered or verified your email address, the CBA asks that you would take a brief moment to do it. How about right now?

2020–21 CBA Annual Report Completed

At the start of each new fiscal year, the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) reflects back and reports upon the prior fiscal year in two publications. The CBA produces its own Annual Report, and also provides a submission for the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Annual Report.

The CBA Annual Report provides an in-depth overview of each division's operations and achievements, as well as solutions that are underway to enhance and improve CBA's commitment to California consumers. Some of the highlights include showing how the CBA's Business Modernization Project, website improvements, and legislation affecting the regulation of the accounting profession in California worked toward meeting the goals established in the 2019–21 CBA Strategic Plan.

The 2020–21 CBA Annual Report can be viewed by clicking the "[CBA Reports](#)" link under the "Communications & Outreach" tab on the CBA website. The CBA hopes you agree that these achievements are a testament to its dedication to protecting consumers and providing outstanding service to stakeholders, despite the challenges brought on by the global pandemic the past fiscal year.

In the DCA Annual Report, each DCA board and bureau notes its accomplishments and new laws or regulations extending through the 2020 calendar year. The 2020–21 DCA Annual Report is in progress and will be posted under the "[Annual Reports](#)" link under the "Publications" tab on the DCA website.



Under the Dome

The first year of the 2021–2022 California legislative session concluded in September. Throughout each year, the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) engages the Legislature on bills that may impact its consumer protection mission. Here are some bills the CBA has been following this year, and currently adopted CBA positions on that legislation.

Assembly Bill 29 (Cooper)

CBA Position: Watch

Outcome: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would require that any public meeting notice issued pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act must also include all writings or materials in connection with a matter subject to discussion or consideration at that meeting. The bill prohibits a state body from distributing or discussing materials that do not comply with this requirement.

Assembly Bill 105 (Holden)

CBA Position: Watch

Outcome: Vetoed by Governor

Summary: Beginning January 1, 2022, all state Boards and Commissions must have at least one volunteer member from an underrepresented community. This requirement will only apply as vacancies occur. AB 105 requires the State Personnel Board to prescribe, and the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) to oversee, compliance with a merit-based civil service system to govern appointments, classifications, examinations, probationary periods, and disciplinary actions. The bill authorizes CalHR to 1) conduct audits and investigations of personnel practices and 2) investigate complaints filed by employees in a state department's Equal Employment Opportunity Program. On July 15, the bill was amended to require hiring oral examinations to be video or otherwise electronically recorded, and that such recordings be maintained for three years. AB 105 also requires CalHR to develop model upward mobility goals by July 1, 2022.

Assembly Bill 107 (Salas)

CBA Position: Support

Outcome: Signed by Governor (Chapter 693 of 2021)

Summary: This bill would require a Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to, after appropriate investigation, issue a temporary license to practice a profession to an applicant who meets the following requirements: 1) is married to, in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the United States (U.S.) armed forces assigned to a duty station in California, and 2) has a current, active, and unrestricted license to practice their profession in another U.S. jurisdiction. The

provisions for the issuance of a temporary license would not apply to a Board (such as the CBA) that has a process under which these individuals are able to receive expedited, temporary authorization to practice while meeting state-specific requirements for a period of at least one year.

Assembly Bill 298 (Irwin)

CBA Position: Sponsor

Outcome: Signed by Governor (Chapter 300 of 2021)

Summary: This bill allows applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination if they are within 180 days of completing the educational requirements; updates ethics education requirements; authorizes the CBA Secretary/Treasurer or another CBA member, as specified, to preside over CBA meetings; and clarifies existing provisions of the Accountancy Act related to the privacy of applicant and licensee email addresses.

Assembly Bill 646 (Low)

CBA Position: Watch

Outcome: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would require a licensing Board under DCA, including the CBA, to update information on its website regarding licensees who have had their licenses revoked due to criminal conviction(s) that are subsequently expunged, under specified conditions.

Assembly Bill 885 (Quirk)

CBA Position: Support

Outcome: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would revise the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to encourage greater accessibility for both the public and members of a state body, when state bodies elect to use teleconferencing technology. The bill would define teleconferencing as participation in a meeting both audibly and visually. Under provisions of the bill, members of a state body participating remotely would count towards a quorum and would only require public disclosure of the designated primary physical meeting location from which the public may participate.

Assembly Bill 1026 (Smith)

CBA Position: Support

Outcome: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would require DCA, and any of its boards, to grant a 50% fee reduction for an initial license to an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence that they have served as an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces or the California National Guard and was honorably discharged.

Under the Dome Continued from Page 6**Assembly Bill 1316 (O'Donnell)****CBA Position:** Watch**Outcome:** Assembly Inactive File

Summary: This bill would require that by January 1, 2023, the CBA, in consultation with the chief executive officer of the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, adopt regulations requiring:

- That 12 of the 80 hours of continuing education required as a condition of license renewal shall be in the areas of accounting, auditing, or related subjects pertaining to California local educational agencies for CPAs who are engaged in financial and compliance audits of a local educational agency.
- That peer reviews are required for accountants conducting audits of local education agencies prior to engaging in that activity.

Assembly Bill 1386 (Cunningham)**CBA Position:** Support**Outcome:** Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: AB 1386 would prohibit a board within DCA from charging an initial or original license fee to an applicant who meets the existing expedited licensing requirements for spouses, domestic partners, or other legal partners of members of the U.S. armed forces with an assigned duty station in California. The CBA also recently established a special military liaison position to assist qualified individuals with their license applications.

Senate Bill 607 (Min)**CBA Position:** Support**Outcome:** Signed by Governor (Chapter 367 of 2021)

Summary: The bill, among other proposals, requires all boards within DCA, including the CBA, to waive all fees charged by the Board associated with the application and initial license for applicants who are married to or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces assigned to a duty station in California, under official active duty military orders, and who holds a current license in another U.S. jurisdiction for which the applicant seeks a license from the Board. The provisions relating to the fee waiver will be effective July 1, 2022. SB 607 contains other proposals that do not impact the CBA.

Senate Bill 702 (Limón)**CBA Position:** Support**Outcome:** Vetoed by Governor

Summary: SB 702 would require that on or before March 1, 2022, the Governor's Office convene a working

group to discuss and make recommendations on the most effective way to ensure the state's leadership on Boards and Commissions reflects diversity in age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, disability status, region, veteran status, and sexual orientation, among other things. The bill specifies the composition of the working group, identifies the issues its recommendations shall address, and details information to be reported annually to the Legislature and made available to the public on the governor's website. The working group shall meet beginning April 1, 2022, and five additional times before May 1, 2023, before completing its work by January 1, 2024.

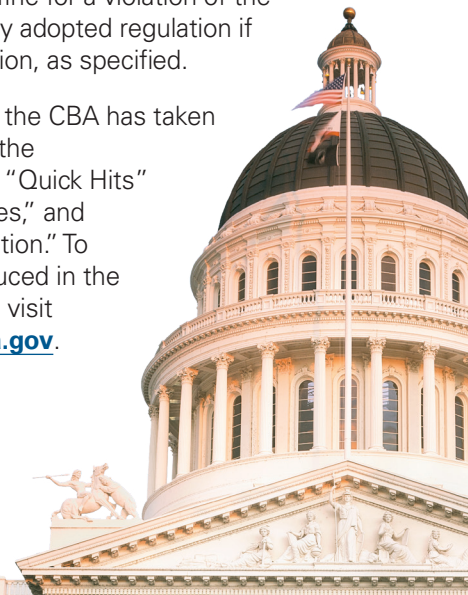
Senate Bill 731 (Durazo)**CBA Position:** Watch**Outcome:** Assembly Floor (Failed—Reconsideration Granted)

Summary: SB 731 would require the Department of Justice to expand provisions regarding criminal record relief, without requiring a petition or motion by a party for that relief, to include an arrest and a conviction of a felony, if specified conditions are met. It would make an arrest for a felony, where there is no indication that the criminal proceeding has been initiated at least three years after the arrest, eligible for relief. It amends existing law to provide that if the arrest was for a jail or prison felony with a sentence of eight or more years, the record of that arrest shall be eligible for relief when no criminal proceedings have happened six years after the arrest. It would make all felonies eligible for relief, not just jail felonies, and provides that if the defendant was on mandatory supervision, the parole officer shall notify the prosecuting attorney when a petition is filed.

Senate Bill 772 (Ochoa Bogh)**CBA Position:** Watch**Outcome:** Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would prohibit any board, bureau, or commission within DCA, including the CBA, from assessing an administrative fine for a violation of the applicable licensing act or any adopted regulation if the violation is a minor violation, as specified.

For a complete list of all bills the CBA has taken a position upon, please visit the [CBA website](https://www.cba.ca.gov) and under the "Quick Hits" section, click "Laws and Rules," and then select "Pending Legislation." To learn more about bills introduced in the California Legislature, please visit www.leginfo.ca.gov.



New Roles for Corrigan and Salazar

Congratulations to immediate past CBA President Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA, who was recently voted in as the next Pacific Regional Director for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). She officially assumed her new role during the NASBA Annual Meeting in early November. Corrigan will replace another familiar face, as CBA Member Katrina L. Salazar, CPA, held the role for the prior two years.

In this position, Corrigan will be responsible for attending quarterly NASBA Board of Directors and committee meetings, where she will give a report on the Pacific Region. Regional directors also conduct new state board member orientation sessions, and moderate their respective regional meeting, which occurs in June.

Congratulations are in order for Salazar as well, who transitioned to a new role as an at-large member of NASBA's Board of Directors for the 2021–22 term.

It is a benefit to all California licensees to have Board members from our state in leadership positions at the national level.

CBA Begins Podcasting

The CBA began a new endeavor in the final months of 2021 by entering the world of podcasting. CBA Information and Planning Analyst David Hemphill is the host of the podcast series, and the inaugural episode featuring a conversation with new CBA President Michael M. Savoy, CPA, will be posted this December.

The guest on the second episode will be License Renewal and Continuing Competency Manager Sarah Benedict, discussing things licensees need to know for a smooth license renewal process, and common pitfalls licensees often deal with. This episode will be posted in early 2022. Listeners can expect a new episode approximately every other month.

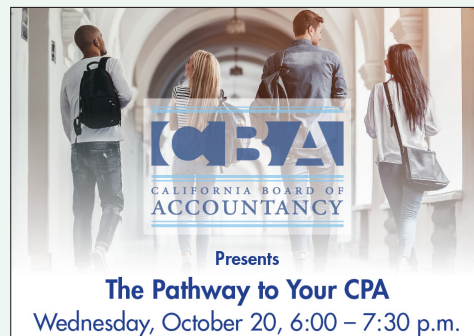
The popularity of podcasts has grown rapidly over the past decade, and the CBA plans to use the medium to spread educational and informational messaging to its listeners. Episodes will be posted to a [new podcasts page](#), located under the "Communications & Outreach" tab on the CBA website. The CBA will announce the release of each new episode on its social media pages, and stakeholders can listen to the CBA podcasts directly from the CBA website.

CBA Hosts "The Pathway to Your CPA"

The CBA hosted a virtual outreach event titled "The Pathway to Your CPA" on October 20, which was viewed by more than 300 individuals. The event targeted accounting students at California colleges and universities, along with other individuals interested in becoming a CPA.

CBA Information and Planning Analyst David Hemphill hosted the event and presented along with Examinations Unit Manager Denise Murata. Their presentations covered the requirements to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination and requirements for CPA licensure.

The CBA President at the time—Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA—spoke about the role of the CBA, and was joined for a panel discussion by then Vice-President Michael M. Savoy, CPA; Robert A. Lee, CPA; and Michael Hurley, CPA. The panel tackled topics such as the value of the CPA license, tips for successful entry into the accounting profession and the



different job possibilities as a CPA, and the importance of ethics as a CPA.

The evening concluded with a question-and-answer

session with the panelists, as well as with CBA staff members Jennifer Jackson and Diane Edwards. Attendees asked the panelists for career advice about many things, including transitioning from private to public accounting. CBA staff answered a variety of specific questions about the requirements for examination and licensure.

The entire event was recorded and can be viewed by clicking the "[Communications & Outreach](#)" tab on the CBA website.

CBA Committee Openings



Did you know the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) is aided by three advisory committees made up of licensees dedicated to making a positive contribution to the accounting profession? Did you also know these advisory committees have immediate openings the CBA is **actively recruiting** to fill?

The Enforcement Advisory Committee (EAC), Peer Review Oversight Committee (PROC), and Qualifications Committee (QC) all play important roles within the CBA, offering valuable assistance in many facets of its operations.

If you are actively licensed to practice public accounting (and have been for at least two years), and have no pending enforcement actions against your license, then the CBA encourages you to consider stepping into one of these positions. The CBA is seeking candidates motivated by the desire to share their expertise and give back to the accounting profession in California by helping with its oversight. The following is an overview of the function of each advisory committee:

- The EAC assists the CBA Executive Officer and Enforcement Program on investigations by offering technical guidance on open investigations, participates in investigative hearings, and reviews closed investigations. The EAC is limited to 13 licensees.

- The PROC assists the CBA in its oversight of the Peer Review Program by evaluating the effectiveness of mandatory peer review, and ensuring that peer review providers administer reviews in accordance with CBA standards. The PROC is limited to seven licensees.
- The QC reviews the experience of applicants for licensure and makes recommendations to the CBA Licensing Program. QC members meet with applicants, employers, or both, and conduct work paper reviews to verify that the responses provided on the certificate of experience are reflective of the experience required for licensure. This committee is comprised of 13 CPAs who have expertise in the preparation of audit and review reports.

Committee members are appointed to two-year terms, with four to six meetings held per year. A \$100 per diem is provided to members for each meeting. If you or a fellow CPA are qualified and interested in serving on a committee, please submit a letter of interest with a resume or curriculum vitae, including your CPA license number, to Executive Officer Patti Bowers at patti.bowers@cba.ca.gov or by mail at:

Patti Bowers—Executive Officer
California Board of Accountancy
2450 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95833-3291

License Renewal as Easy as 1–2–3

It only comes around every two years, but many licensees still dread license renewal time. The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) doesn't want you to feel that way, so here is the process broken down to three simple, stress-free steps. Renewing your CPA license can really be as easy as 1–2–3:

1. Pay your renewal fee.
2. Fill out your renewal application.
3. Report your continuing education (CE).

Now that you've got the three steps in mind, here are more helpful tips to ease your license renewal process:

1. Pay your renewal fee.

- The fastest way is to [pay by credit card on the CBA website](#).

2. Fill out your renewal application.

- Answer questions 1–10 on the renewal application Part A. If it doesn't apply to you, answer "NO."
- Sign and submit Part B.
- If you submitted your renewal payment online, then email your completed application to renewalapp@cba.ca.gov.

3. Report your continuing education.

- The CE Reporting Worksheet provided in Part C is a helpful tool to ensure you provide all the required information pertaining to your CE.
- Ethics ≠ Regulatory Review: Know the difference, because they are not interchangeable!

Corporations and partnerships, you've got three steps of your own:

1. Pay your renewal fee.
2. Fill out and submit the [Peer Review Reporting Form](#) (PR-1), even if your firm doesn't perform services that require a peer review. Remember, CPAs working as a sole proprietor must also submit this form.
3. Submit a list of current shareholders or partners, even if there hasn't been any changes since the last renewal, and make sure Part B of the renewal application is signed by a partner or shareholder.

And that's it! Renewing really can be as easy as 1–2–3. If you still have questions, the Renewal and Continuing Competency team is always here to help. Direct any renewal-related inquiries to renewalinfo@cba.ca.gov.



TIME
TO RENEW

Helping Your Employees Educated Outside the U.S. Obtain Their License

Does your firm have employees with education earned outside of the United States who are applying for the Uniform CPA Examination (CPA Exam) or CPA licensure? The CBA relies solely on official transcripts and credential evaluation reports to determine if applicants meet the educational requirements, so it is important for your employees to be aware of the appropriate requirements. Applicants who attended or graduated from a school outside of the United States must have their education evaluated by a CBA-approved foreign credentials evaluation service. Evaluation reports must then be submitted to the CBA directly from the foreign credentials evaluation service.

The current list of [CBA-approved foreign credentials evaluation services](#) is available on the CBA's website by selecting the "Applicants" link from the home page. You will find the list located at the bottom of the Applicants page. For the detailed application process, please refer to the [Uniform CPA Examination Handbook](#), also available on the CBA's website. If you or your employee have questions, contact the CBA Examination Unit by email at examinfo@cba.ca.gov.

Beware of Scams

The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) is aware of incidents where individuals impersonating members of boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs umbrella contacted licensees with the intent of defrauding them. The individuals sought money and/or confidential information from their targets. One instance was reported as an email that appeared to come from a board president, using a realistic-looking email address which included the president's name and standard "dca.ca.gov" address, although it did still end in gmail.com.

While no CPA licensees have reported being affected by the scam, the CBA encourages all licensees to be on the lookout for any requests that appear suspicious.

The CBA created a [page](#) on its website devoted to warning licensees of scams. Please visit this page from time to time to be alerted if a new issue has arisen.



How to Change Your Address or Name With the CBA

Do you need to report a change to your personal information on file with the CBA? If the information that you put on your application changed during the year, you must report it. The CBA uses your address of record to contact you with important documentation related to license renewal, changes in the law, and other important updates. To ensure that you continue to receive communication from the CBA, whenever your address of record on file with the CBA changes, you are required to provide your new address to the CBA within 30 days of that change.

If your name has changed, you must provide copies of supporting documents (i.e., a marriage certificate, court order naturalization, etc.) to the CBA in order to facilitate the update.

Both the address and name change forms can be found on the [CBA website](#) under the "Licensee" tab. The change of address form is also located on the second-to-last page of this UPDATE newsletter. The form and supporting documents can be submitted by email to adminunit@cba.ca.gov; by mail to California Board of Accountancy, 2450 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95833; or via fax to (916) 263-3675.

It is recommended that all licensed individuals and firms also keep their phone number up to date with the Board.

Enforcement Process

When CBA receives a complaint, an investigation is conducted. Information regarding a complaint generally is gathered by enforcement staff, which could include a licensee's appearance before the CBA Enforcement Advisory Committee.

Following this investigation, a recommendation is made to either (1) close the case with no violation of the Accountancy Act or CBA Regulations; (2) require the licensee to take prescribed continuing education; (3) issue a citation and fine; or (4) refer the case to the Attorney General's Office for review and possible preparation of an accusation against the licensee or a statement of issues relating to the applicant.

If charges are filed against a licensee, a hearing may be held before an independent administrative law judge who submits a proposed decision to be considered by CBA, or the matter may be settled. CBA may either accept the proposed decision or decide the matter itself. Please note that CBA actions reported here may not be final. After the effective date of CBA's decision, the licensee may obtain judicial review of its decision. On occasion, a court will order a stay of CBA's decision or return the decision to CBA for reconsideration.

Copies of the accusations, decisions, and settlements regarding any of these disciplinary and/or enforcement actions are available on the CBA website, www.cba.ca.gov, or by sending a written request to:

California Board of Accountancy
Attention: Disciplinary/
Enforcement Actions
2450 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95833

Please state the licensee's name and license number, and allow 10 days for each request.

Standard Terms of Probation

CBA may revoke, suspend, or impose probation on a license for violation of applicable statutes or regulations. In addition to any case-specific terms of probation, the standard probationary terms include:

- Obey all federal, California, other state, and local laws, including those rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California.
- Submit, within 10 days of completion of the quarter, written reports to CBA on a form obtained from CBA. The respondent shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and verification of actions as are required. These declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by CBA or its representatives.
- During the period of probation, appear in person at interviews or meetings as directed by CBA or its designated representative, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.
- Comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by CBA, and cooperate fully with representatives of CBA in its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's compliance with probation terms and conditions.
- Be subject to and permit a "practice investigation" of the respondent's professional practice. Such "practice investigation" shall be conducted by representatives of CBA, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.
- Comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by CBA.
- In the event respondent should leave California to reside or practice outside this state, respondent must notify CBA in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the state shall not apply to reduction of the probationary period, or of any suspension. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, reimburse CBA costs, or make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice, except at the written direction of CBA.
- If respondent violates probation in any respect, CBA, after giving respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary and/or enforcement order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, CBA shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.

Enforcement Process Continued from Page 10**Enforcement Definitions****Accusation**

A formal document that charges violation(s) of the California Accountancy Act and/or CBA Regulations by a licensee. The charges in the accusation are allegations. Allegations are not a final determination of wrongdoing and are subject to adjudication and final review by CBA pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Cost Recovery

The licensee is ordered to pay CBA certain costs of investigation and prosecution including, but not limited to, attorney's fees.

Default Decision

The licensee failed to file a Notice of Defense or has otherwise failed to request a hearing, object, or otherwise contest the accusation. CBA takes action without a hearing based on the accusation and documentary evidence on file.

Effective Date

The date the disciplinary decision becomes operative.

Probation

The licensee may continue to engage in activities for which licensure is required, under specific terms and conditions.

Reinstatement

A revoked license that is restored, not sooner than one year from the date of revocation, to a clear or inactive status after petition to and approval by CBA. Reinstatement may include probation and/or terms and conditions.

Revocation

The individual, partnership, or corporation no longer is licensed as a result of a disciplinary action.

Stayed

The action does not immediately take place and may not take place if the licensee complies with other conditions (such as a probation term).

Stipulation

The matter is negotiated and settled without going to hearing.

Surrendered

The licensee has surrendered the license. The individual, partnership, or corporation no longer is licensed. CBA, however, may impose discipline against a surrendered license in certain circumstances. Surrender also may require certain conditions be met should the former licensee ever choose to reapply for licensure.

Suspension

The licensee is prohibited for a specific period of time from engaging in activities for which licensure is required.



Enforcement Actions

CPA Revocations

CRAIG ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION/ CRAIG, JOHN BERTRAM

Orange
(COR 3945 and CPA 50038)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:
Revocation of COR and CPA license, via default decision.

Effective August 30, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2021-16 contains the following allegations: (1) Failure to Enroll in Peer Review; (2) Practice without a Valid Permit; (3) Provide False Statements or Omissions in the Application; (4) Dishonesty, Fraud, Gross Negligence; (5) Knowing, Preparation of False, Fraudulent or Materially Misleading Information; (6) Willful Violation of the Accountancy Act; (7) Failed to Respond to CBA Inquiry.

Craig Accountancy Corporation (Corporation) and John Bertram Craig (Craig) are subject to disciplinary action in that the Corporation and Craig failed to enroll in and obtain a peer review as required.

The Corporation and Craig are subject to disciplinary action in that they practiced public accountancy with inactive license and expired corporation registration.

The Corporation and Craig are subject to disciplinary action in that Craig submitted false statements on Craig's renewal application regarding the continuing education requirements and by stating that Craig did not practice public accountancy during the two-year reporting period.

The Corporation and Craig are subject to disciplinary action in that the Corporation and Craig were dishonest and committed negligent acts in the audit of WDCSLAC for the tax year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, since they performed the audit while Craig's license was inactive and the Corporation's registration was expired.

The Corporation and Craig are subject to disciplinary action in that the Corporation and Craig knowingly prepared, published, or disseminated false, fraudulent, or materially misleading financial statements, reports, or information by holding themselves out as a certified public accountant, and signing an audit report when they did not have valid permits to practice.

The Corporation and Craig are subject to disciplinary action in that the Corporation and Craig willfully violated the Accountancy Act and CBA regulations.

The Corporation and Craig are subject to disciplinary action in that the Corporation and Craig failed to provide information and documentation as requested in the CBA letter dated February 12, 2020.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050, 5051, 5060, 5076, and 5100(b), (c), (g), and (j). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 40, 41, 52, and 87(c), (d), and (e).

MASON, MARVIN DOUGLAS

Encino/Woodland Hills
(CPA 24992)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:
Revocation of CPA license, via default decision.

Effective November 1, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-2019-67 contains the following allegations: (1) Failure to Pay Cost Reimbursement; (2) Failure to Submit Written Reports; (3) Failure to Comply with Probation; (4) Failure to Complete Ethics Continuing Education; (5) Failure to Complete Regulatory Review Course; (6) Failure to Maintain Active License; (7) Failure to Pay Administrative Penalty.

Marvin Douglas Mason's (Mason) probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 2, Cost Reimbursement.

Mason's probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 3, Submit Written Reports.

Mason's probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 5, Comply with Probation.

Mason's probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 12, Ethics Continuing Education.

Mason's probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 13, Regulatory Review Course.

CPA Revocations

Mason's probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 14, Active License Status.

Mason's probation subject to revocation because Mason failed to comply with Probation Condition 15, Administrative Penalty.

NELSON, PAMELA JO

Redlands
(CPA 79441)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocation of CPA license, via stipulated revocation.

Effective August 30, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2021-8 contains the following allegations: (1) Practice without a Valid Permit; (2) Name of Firm or Person; (3) Failure to Comply with Peer Review Requirements; (4) Dishonestly, Fraud, Gross Negligence, or Repeated Negligent Acts; (5) Knowing Preparation of False, Fraudulent or Materially Misleading Information.

Pamela Jo Nelson (Nelson) is subject to disciplinary action in that Nelson engaged in the practice of public accountancy without a valid permit issued by the Board.

Nelson is subject to disciplinary action in that Nelson engaged in the practice of public accountancy under Nelson's own name while not holding a valid permit to practice issued by the Board.

Nelson is subject to disciplinary action in that Nelson practiced under the name "PJN Certified Public Accountants," a name other than that set forth on Nelson's permit to practice, without that name having been registered by the Board.

Nelson is subject to disciplinary action in that Nelson failed to have a peer review report of Nelson's firm's accounting and auditing practice accepted by a board-recognized peer review program no less frequently than every three years in order to renew its registration.

Nelson is subject to disciplinary action in that Nelson committed dishonest and fraudulent acts by performing accounting services, specifically signing a compilation report representing Nelson as a Certified Public Accountant, when Nelson's license was cancelled and Nelson's firm, PLN Certified Public Accountants, was not a registered accounting firm.

Nelson is subject to disciplinary action in that Nelson knowingly prepared, published or disseminated false, fraudulent, or materially misleading financial statements, reports, or information, by signing a compilation report holding out as a certified public accountant when Nelson's license was cancelled and Nelson's firm was not licensed to practice public accountancy.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050, 5051, 5060(b) and (c), 5076 and 5100(c), (g), and (j). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 40(a) and (b), and 41.

Other Enforcement Actions:

ANDERSON, MARK RODNEY

Casper, WY
(CPA 47794)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Mark Rodney Anderson (Anderson) shall reimburse the CBA \$11,412.41 for its investigation and prosecution costs.

Anderson shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed prior to the resumption of practice from suspension. The hours shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Anderson shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed prior to the resumption of practice from suspension. This shall be in addition to continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Anderson shall complete and provide proper documentation of completion of 24 hours of income tax preparation professional education courses. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Anderson shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective August 30, 2021

Other Enforcement Actions

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2021-15 contains the following allegations: (1) Repeated Negligent Acts; (2) Willful Violation of Professional Standards; (3) Name of Firm.

Anderson is subject to disciplinary action in that Anderson committed repeated negligent acts in Anderson's preparation of individual income tax returns for client T.M. for the years 2015 and 2016.

Anderson is subject to disciplinary action in that Anderson failed to comply with professional standards in the preparation of T.M.'s 2015 and 2016 individual income tax returns.

Anderson is subject to disciplinary action in that Anderson practiced public accountancy under a name other than the name under which Anderson held a valid permit to practice.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5060 and 5100(c) and (g). California Code of Regulations, title 16, § 58.

BARTON, GREGORY D./BARTONCPA

Palm Springs
(CPA 43971 and COR 5990)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocations stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Gregory D. Barton (Barton) and BartonCPA (Firm) shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursing the CBA \$15,000 for its investigation and prosecution costs.

During the period of probation, the Firm shall be prohibited from acting as a trustee for any trust, engaging in services as a trustee, or being appointed as a trustee by the Probate Court.

Barton shall be permanently prohibited from acting as a trustee for any trust, engaging in services as a trustee, or being appointed as a trustee by the Probate Court. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, Barton successfully petitions the CBA for the reinstatement of the ability to act as a trustee for a trust, engage in services as a trustee, or be appointed as a trustee by the Probate Court.

Barton shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Barton shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review

course. The course shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Barton and the Firm shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective August 30, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2020-36 contains the following allegations: (1) Breach of Fiduciary Responsibility—Barton; (2) Repeated Acts of Negligence—Barton and the Firm; (3) Failure to Comply with Professional Standards—Barton.

Barton is subject to disciplinary action in that Barton breached Barton's fiduciary responsibility as trustee of the ES Trust when Barton failed to administer the trust according to the trust instrument and solely in the interest of the beneficiaries.

Barton and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that they engaged in repeated acts of negligence in the preparation of tax returns for ES, the ES Trust, the JN Trust, and the S/N Trust. Each of the engagements departed from applicable professional standards and indicated a lack of competency in the practice of public accountancy.

Barton is subject to disciplinary action in that Barton failed to comply with all applicable professional standards when Barton prepared and signed tax returns for the ES Trust, JN Trust, S/N Trust, and ES, including Statement on Standards for Tax Services No. 1, Statement 4; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Code of Professional Conduct, section 1.300.001(b); Treasury Circular sections 10.22, 10.33(b), 10.34(a) (1)(A), and 10.35(a).

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5100(c), (g), and (i). California Code of Regulations, title 16, § 58.

BREWER, TIM D.

San Jose
(CPA 37030)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Tim D. Brewer (Brewer) shall reimburse the CBA \$9,000 for its investigation and prosecution costs.

Other Enforcement Actions

Bryant and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that Bryant and the Firm failed to comply with professional standards, including Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles when Bryant and the Firm issued an unqualified opinion for GCH.

Bryant and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that Bryant and the Firm violated Business and Professions Code section 5097 by failing to sufficiently document the performance of the GCH audit.

Bryant and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that they failed to obtain sufficient appropriate audit documentation to support the opinion rendered thereon.

Bryant and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that Bryant and the Firm failed to document an issuance date of the report.

Bryant and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that they engaged in repeated acts of negligence when they prepared E.C.'s 2014 amended Individual tax return.

Bryant and the Firm are subject to disciplinary action in that Bryant and the Firm failed to comply with professional standards when preparing E.C.'s 2014 Amended Individual tax return.

Bryant is subject to disciplinary action in that Bryant posted negative online reviews about E.C. when Bryant did not have experience with E.C. or their business's services, and when Bryant threatened E.C. that Bryant would instruct Bryant's family and friends to give E.C. and E.C.'s business bad reviews on their website if E.C. did not remove their negative review about Bryant's and the Firm's services provided to E.C.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5062, 5097, 5100, and 5100(c), (e), and (g). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 58 and 68.2.

CARATHIMAS, GEORGE/CARATHIMAS AND ASSOCIATES

San Ramon
(CPA 21818 and FNP 3265)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

George Carathimas (Carathimas) shall reimburse the CBA \$23,945.45 for its investigation and prosecution costs.

Carathimas shall be permanently prohibited from engaging in and performing audits, reviews, compilations, and other attestation services. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, Carathimas successfully petition the CBA for the reinstatement of the ability to perform audits, reviews, compilations, and other attestation services.

Carathimas shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Carathimas shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Carathimas shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective August 30, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2020-38 contains the following allegations: (1) Repeated Acts of Negligence; (2) Violation of Section 5097—Audit Documentation Required; (3) Failure to Issue a Report that Conforms to Professional Standards; (4) Failure to Comply with Standards; (5) Failure to Comply with Firm Responsibilities.

Carathimas is subject to disciplinary action in that Carathimas committed repeated acts of negligence in the performance of a Single audit and a Yellow Book audit engagement.

Carathimas is subject to disciplinary action in that Carathimas failed to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit documentation to support either the financial statements issued or the opinion Carathimas rendered on the financial statements issued.

Carathimas is subject to disciplinary action in that Carathimas willfully issued a report that failed to conform to professional standards.

Carathimas is subject to disciplinary action in that Carathimas failed to comply with professional standards, including Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, the Office Management and Budget Circular A-133, and Federal Tax Authority requirements.

Carathimas is subject to disciplinary action in that Carathimas was terminated from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Peer Review Program for failure to cooperate.

Other Enforcement Actions

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5062, 5097, 5100(c), (e), and (g). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 41 and 58.

KIM, PETER D./CORE PRO ADVISOR

Buena Park
(CPA 77181 and COR 7031)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocations stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Peter D. Kim (Kim) and Core Pro Advisor (Corporation) shall be jointly and severally responsible for reimbursing the CBA \$15,000 for its investigation and prosecution costs.

Kim and the Corporation shall be permanently prohibited from engaging in or performing any audits, reviews, compilations, and other attestation services. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, Kim and the Corporation successfully petition the CBA for the reinstatement of the ability to perform audits, reviews, compilations, or other attestation services.

Kim shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Kim shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Kim and the Corporation shall maintain an active license status.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective August 30, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2020-51 contains the following allegations: (1) Repeated Acts of Negligence—CAA Audit; (2) Gross Negligence—CAA Audit; (3) Insufficient Audit Documentation—CAA Audit; (4) Report Failing to Conform to Professional Standards—CAA Audit; (5) Failure to Comply with Professional Standards—CAA Audit; (6) Repeated Negligent Acts—YUS Review; (7) Gross Negligence—YUS Review; (8) Report Failing to Conform to Professional Standards—YUS Review; (9) Failure to Comply with Professional Standards—YUS Review

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they committed repeated negligent acts in their financial statement audit and Single Audit for CAA for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they were grossly negligent in performing the audit of CAA for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they failed to obtain sufficient appropriate documentation to support the financial statements issued and the opinions rendered, and failed to document their audit procedures in compliance with professional standards, the Accountancy Act, and CBA regulations.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they issued inappropriate audit reports that did not comply with professional standards.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they failed to comply with all applicable professional standards in their audits of CAA.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they committed repeated negligent acts in their review of the financial statements for YUS for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they were grossly negligent in their review of financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they issued an inappropriate report on January 17, 2019 that did not comply with professional standards.

Kim and the Corporation are subject to disciplinary action in that they failed to comply with all applicable professional standards in their review of financial statements for YUS.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5062, 5097 and 5100(c), (e), and (g). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 58 and 68.2.

MCPHEE, DONALD KEITH

Austin, TX
(CPA 117887)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Other Enforcement Actions

Rivero shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Rivero shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Rivero shall maintain an active license status.

Rivero shall pay to the CBA an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective August 30, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2020-17 contains the following allegations: (1) Repeated Acts of Negligence; (2) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; (3) Failure to Comply with Professional Standards; (4) Failure to Register Firm Name; (5) Failure to Respond to Board Inquiry; (6) Unprofessional Conduct.

Rivero is subject to disciplinary action in that Rivero committed repeated acts of negligence in Rivero's performance of accounting services for J.P.

Rivero is subject to disciplinary action in that Rivero breached Rivero's fiduciary responsibility to Rivero's client, J.P.

Rivero is subject to disciplinary action in that Rivero willfully failed to comply with the requirements under the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Code of Professional Conduct, and Treasury Regulations, including, but not limited to Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Circular 230 through Rivero's actions that adversely affected J.P.'s taxes, investments, and retirement plan.

Rivero is subject to disciplinary action in that Rivero failed to register the firm name Rivero & Associates with the CBA.

Rivero is subject to disciplinary action in that Rivero failed to respond to Board inquiries as required.

Rivero is subject to disciplinary action in that Rivero committed acts constituting unprofessional conduct when Rivero made misrepresentations to J.P. and failed to comply with standards of objectivity, and conflict of interest, in handling the business management and tax services for J.P. during the time Rivero undertook these engagements as a certified public accountant.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5060, 5100, and 5100(c), (g), and (i). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 52 and 58.

ALAN K. RUBIN, CPA, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION/RUBIN, ALAN KENNETH

Los Angeles
(COR 6757 and CPA 44293)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocations stayed with three years' probation, via stipulated settlement.

Alan K. Rubin, CPA, A Professional Corporation (Corporation) and Alan Kenneth Rubin (Rubin) shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursing the CBA \$10,942.28 for its investigation and prosecution costs.

Rubin shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Rubin shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The course shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and is in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

During the period of probation, all audit, review, and compilation reports, and work papers shall be subject to peer review by a CBA-recognized peer review program provider pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 5076 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, Division 1, Article 6, commencing with section 38, at the Corporation's and Rubin's expense. The specific engagements to be reviewed shall be at the discretion of the peer reviewer. Within 45 days of the peer review report being accepted by a CBA-recognized peer review program provider, the Corporation and Rubin shall submit to the CBA a copy of the peer review report, including any materials documenting the prescription of remedial or corrective actions imposed by the CBA-recognized peer review program provider. The Corporation and Rubin shall also submit, if available, within 45 days from the date of the request by the CBA or its designee, any materials documenting completion of any or all of the prescribed remedial or corrective actions.

Other Enforcement Actions

required quarterly report a listing of the same. The CBA or its designee may select one or more from each category and the resulting report and financial statement and all related working papers must be submitted to the CBA or its designee upon request.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective November 1, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2021-32 contains the following allegations: (1) Failure to Comply with Peer Review Program Requirements; (2) Practice without a valid Permit; (3) Title of Certified Public Accountant; (4) Failure to Comply with Accounting and Auditing Continuing Education Requirements; (5) Failure to Respond to Board Inquiry; (6) Failure to Comply with Citation; (7) Willful Violation.

The Corporation and Satoorian are subject to disciplinary action in that Satoorian audited the financial statements of a 401(k) plan for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016. Satoorian signed the independent auditor's reports, which were dated February 8, 2017 and February 14, 2018, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the auditor's report has the letterhead of the firm. To date, the Corporation and Satoorian have not completed the mandatory peer review.

Satoorian is subject to disciplinary action in that Satoorian practiced public accounting while Satoorian's CPA license was expired.

Satoorian is subject to disciplinary action in that Satoorian holds out as a CPA on Satoorian's LinkedIn account; however, Satoorian's CPA license has been expired since March 31, 2020 and has not been renewed.

The Corporation and Satoorian are subject to disciplinary action in that on Satoorian's CPA license renewal application for the period ended March 31, 2018, Satoorian answered "Yes" to the question, "Are you subject to the completion of 24 hours of accounting and auditing continuing education?" however, there were no A&A CE reported on Satoorian's CE Reporting Worksheet. Satoorian is required to complete 24 hours of accounting and auditing continuing education since Satoorian provided A&A services, wherein, Satoorian audited the financial statements of Reach 401(k) Plan for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 which were dated February 8, 2017 and February 14, 2018, respectively.

The Corporation and Satoorian are subject to disciplinary action in that Satoorian failed to provide the information and documentation as requested in the CBA letter dated November 10, 2020, specifically, the proof of enrollment in a Board-recognized peer review program and a copy of the signed

engagement letter from the approved peer reviewer assigned to perform the Corporation's peer review.

The Corporation and Satoorian are subject to disciplinary action in that Satoorian failed to comply with Citation Order CT-2019-481 by failing to pay the administrative fine of \$750.

The Corporation and Satoorian are subject to disciplinary action in that they willfully failed to comply with the Accountancy Act and CBA Regulations.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5050, 5055, 5076, and 5100(g). California Code of Regulations, title 16, §§ 40, 41, 52, 87(d), and 95.4.

SWEET, BRIAN JOHN

Fresno
(CPA 127662)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Surrender of CPA license, via stipulated surrender.

Brian John Sweet (Sweet) shall pay the CBA costs of the investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$4,501.57 prior to the issuance of a new or reinstated license.

Effective November 1, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Accusation No. AC-2021-25 contains the following allegations: (1) Disciplinary Action by a Federal Agency; (2) Denial of Right to Practice Before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; (3) Sanction by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; (4) Criminal Conviction for Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and Attempt and Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud.

Sweet is subject to disciplinary action in that, on January 22, 2018, Sweet was disciplined by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Sweet is subject to disciplinary action in that, on January 22, 2018, Sweet was denied the privilege of appearing or practicing before the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as an accountant.

Sweet is subject to disciplinary action in that, on January 22, 2018, Sweet was disciplined by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Other Enforcement Actions

Sweet is subject to disciplinary action in that Sweet was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a certified public accountant.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, § 141; Division 1.5, Chapter 3, § 490; Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5100(a), (h), and (l). California Code of Regulations, title 16, § 99.

RANTZ, DONNA RENEE AKA WILSON, DONNA RENEE

San Bernardino
(CPA 84293)

Disciplinary Actions/License Restrictions:

Revocation stayed with three years' probation, via proposed decision with reduction in penalty.

Donna Renee Rantz aka Donna Renee Wilson (Wilson) shall complete four hours of continuing education in ethics. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Wilson shall complete a CBA-approved Regulatory Review course. The hours shall be completed within 180 days of the effective date of the CBA's decision and order and are in addition to the continuing education requirements for relicensing.

Other standard terms of probation.

Effective November 1, 2021

Causes for Discipline:

Following a proposed decision with reduction in penalty, the Administrative Law Judge upheld the following causes for discipline in Accusation Case No. AC-2021-20: (1) Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime; (2) Dishonesty and Fraud; (3) Fiscal Dishonesty or Breach of Fiduciary Responsibility; (4) Embezzlement, Theft, Misappropriation of Funds/Property; (5) Failure to Report Criminal Conviction.

Wilson is subject to disciplinary action in that Wilson was convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualification, functions, and duties of a certified public accountant.

Wilson is subject to disciplinary action in that Wilson served as the treasurer to a church and acted as the person in charge for disbursement of funds when Wilson dishonestly and fraudulently misappropriated approximately \$11,900 from the church's bank account.

Wilson is subject to disciplinary action in that Wilson knowingly committed fiscal dishonesty or breached their fiduciary responsibility by misappropriating approximately \$11,900 from a church.

Wilson is subject to disciplinary action in that Wilson knowingly embezzled and misappropriated approximately \$11,900 from a church.

Wilson is subject to disciplinary action in that Wilson failed to report in writing to the CBA within 30 days of Wilson's conviction.

For Violations Of:

Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 3, § 490; Division 3, Chapter 1, §§ 5063(a)(1), and (a)(3), and 5100(a), (c), (g), (i), and (k). California Code of Regulations, title 16, § 99.



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The CBA is committed to providing the highest level of customer service and staff are here to help answer questions you may have regarding our programs. We are encouraging communication by email at this time, which is the best way to receive the most timely response. We strive to respond to email messages within three to five business days. For your convenience, we have provided contact information below for the different organizational units and functions at the CBA.

CBA UNIT	AREAS OF EXPERTISE	CONTACT INFORMATION
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = License status check = General questions 	(916) 263-3680 www.dca.ca.gov/cba/consumers/lookup.shtml
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Filing a complaint = Reporting unlicensed activity = Disciplinary actions = Ethical questions regarding CPA practice 	(916) 561-1705 (916) 263-3673 Fax enforcementinfo@cba.ca.gov To access a complaint form, go to www.dca.ca.gov/cba/consumers/online-complaint.shtml
Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Examination applications = Educational requirements = Exam scores = Name changes (exam candidates) = Transcripts 	(916) 561-1703 (916) 263-3677 Fax examinfo@cba.ca.gov
Initial Licensing (Firms, Partnerships, Fictitious Names)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Licensing application for partnerships, corporations, and fictitious name permits 	(916) 561-4301 (916) 263-3676 Fax firminfo@cba.ca.gov
Initial Licensing (Individuals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Licensing application process for individual licenses = Name changes (CPAs and licensing applicants) = Wall/pocket certificate replacement = Certification of records 	(916) 561-1701 (916) 263-3676 Fax licensinginfo@cba.ca.gov
License Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = License renewal, continuing education requirements = Changing license status = Fees due 	(916) 561-1702 (916) 263-3672 Fax renewalinfo@cba.ca.gov
Outreach/Public Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Events 	outreach@cba.ca.gov
Practice Privilege	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> = Out-of-state licensees wishing to practice in California = Out-of-state firm registration 	(916) 561-4301 (916) 263-3675 Fax pracprivinfo@cba.ca.gov

We are always looking for ways to improve our customer service practices. Please let us know how we served you by taking our [survey](#).

If you are unsure where to direct your questions, please call our main phone number at **(916) 263-3680**.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Email to: adminunit@cba.ca.gov Fax to: (916) 263-3678

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Address change for ☐ CPA/PA

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Business name
(If applicable)

Street

Unit/apt. #

City

State

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public information,
and all CBA
correspondence
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FORMER ADDRESS OF RECORD

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City

State

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Email address

Phone number

Print your name

Date

 Signature (form must be signed)

I certify the truth and accuracy of all these statements and representations.

The CBA maintains a list of all licensees. This list is sold to requestors for mailing list purposes. **Check here** ☐ if you do not want your name included on this list. Please note: Your name and address of record is public information and can be accessed through our website at www.cba.ca.gov.

This form is being provided for your convenience. Other forms of written and signed notice may be accepted by the CBA. Please allow five to seven business days for address changes to be reflected in License Lookup.

A licensee who fails to notify the California Board of Accountancy within 30 days of a change of address of record may be subject to citation and fine (fines ranging from \$100-\$1,000) under the California Code of Regulations, title 16, division 1, sections 3, 95 and 95.2.



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Patti Bowers
Executive Officer

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy (CBA), it is my pleasure to present our *Fiscal Year 2020–21 Annual Report*. This report highlights the many CBA achievements in the past year and outlines programs implemented to meet our consumer protection mission and provide excellent service to our applicants and licensees.

Online Application for CPA Licensure

In April, the CBA launched an online application for CPA licensure. This new option provides the ability to submit applications, upload necessary documents, and pay the application and initial licensee fees entirely on the CBA website. During its first few months of operations, approximately two-thirds of applicants have utilized the online application, and we expect that percentage to climb higher. Applicants can now access a personal dashboard to monitor the review process of their application. This is a major improvement in the overall initial licensure experience for our applicants.

In order to promote the online application, the CBA, with help from the digital team at the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), produced a [video](#) spotlighting the excitement surrounding the new online capabilities. The video has been viewed over 2,900 times across all the CBA social media platforms.

Outreach and Social Media

The CBA had a busy schedule of outreach events despite colleges and universities holding classes online for the entire academic year. The CBA took part in six virtual events conducted directly with individual schools, and another event aimed at a statewide audience of community college students. More than 600 students in total attended CBA outreach events in fiscal year 2020–21. We will detail these events more closely in this report.

The CBA's social media pages continue to grow, accumulating nearly 1,600 new followers, equating to a 20% gain since our last *Annual Report*.

Military and Refugee/Asylee/Special Immigrant Visa Holder Liaison

Early in 2021, the CBA expanded its existing webpage focused on military-related assistance to include specific information and resources for military spouses and domestic partners. Concurrently, we also established an email address and toll-free telephone number dedicated to assisting these individuals, and appointed a staff member to act as their direct liaison within the CBA. We are honored to provide this assistance to our armed forces.

A similar program was introduced to aid refugees, asylees, and special immigrant visa holders, who also have a direct liaison along with a dedicated email address and toll-free telephone number to be used for assistance.

Enforcement

The Enforcement Division received 2,729 complaints and closed 2,692 investigations in fiscal year 2020–21. Of the total investigations closed, 2,058, or 76%, were closed within six months from the initial complaint investigation date. Further, 2,546 investigations, or 95%, were closed within one year.



As part of a recent disciplinary matter, the CBA required a large accounting firm to develop continuing education focused on the subject matter of ethics that the CBA will approve, and to make the hours available to all California CPAs at no cost. The inclusion of a continuing education element requires the accounting firm to demonstrate a strong recognition regarding its misconduct, and a commitment to advancing the CBA's mission of consumer protection by reinforcing the importance of ethics in the accounting profession.

These are only samples of the CBA's achievements in fiscal year 2020–21. More will be addressed in this report. We anticipate even more innovations in the year to come, which will benefit consumers and stakeholders as we strive to continue to meet our consumer protection mission.

Patti Bowers
Executive Officer





MISSION STATEMENT

To protect consumers by ensuring only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards.



VISION STATEMENT

All consumers are well informed and receive quality accounting services from licensees they can trust.



ORGANIZATION

For more than 100 years, the California Legislature has entrusted the CBA with protecting the public related to the practice of public accountancy in California. The CBA's mission to protect consumers is at the core of the work that is accomplished.

The breadth of the CBA's influence in the regulatory environment stretches beyond California's borders.

The CBA regulates more than 111,000 licensees, including individuals (certified public accountants and public accountants) and accounting firms (partnerships, corporations, and out-of-state registered accounting firms). Many of the accounting firms that the CBA regulates have national and international footprints, reaching clients worldwide. CPAs work in a variety of areas, including accounting firms, private industry, government, and academia. CPAs provide services to clients of all sizes and needs.

The CBA recognizes the scope of its regulatory influence. The protection of the public shapes the policies, regulations, and enforcement decisions reached by the CBA. Collectively, the three divisions of the CBA—Enforcement, Licensing, and Administration—work to ensure that consumers are protected and stakeholders receive high-quality customer service.



CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY COMPOSITION

The CBA is composed of 15 members, eight of whom are public members, not licensed by the CBA, and seven of whom are licensees of the CBA. The Governor appoints four of the public members and all licensee members. The Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint two public members.

Current California Board of Accountancy Members



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Appointee

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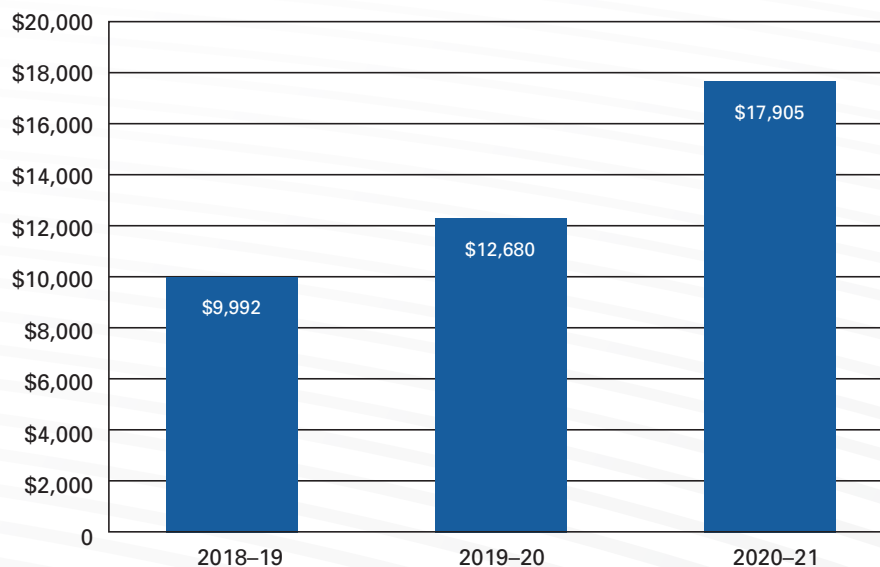
The CBA's statutory mandate and highest priority is to protect the public. To achieve its mission, the CBA operates in a fiscally responsible manner to ensure funds are spent exclusively to support this mandate.

STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The CBA implemented a fee increase that became effective January 1, 2020 for license renewals and initial licensing fees. The fee increase was necessary to more closely align the CBA's revenues and expenditures. Fiscal year 2020–21 represented completion of the first full year of the fee increase and its cumulative effect on the Reserve Fund.

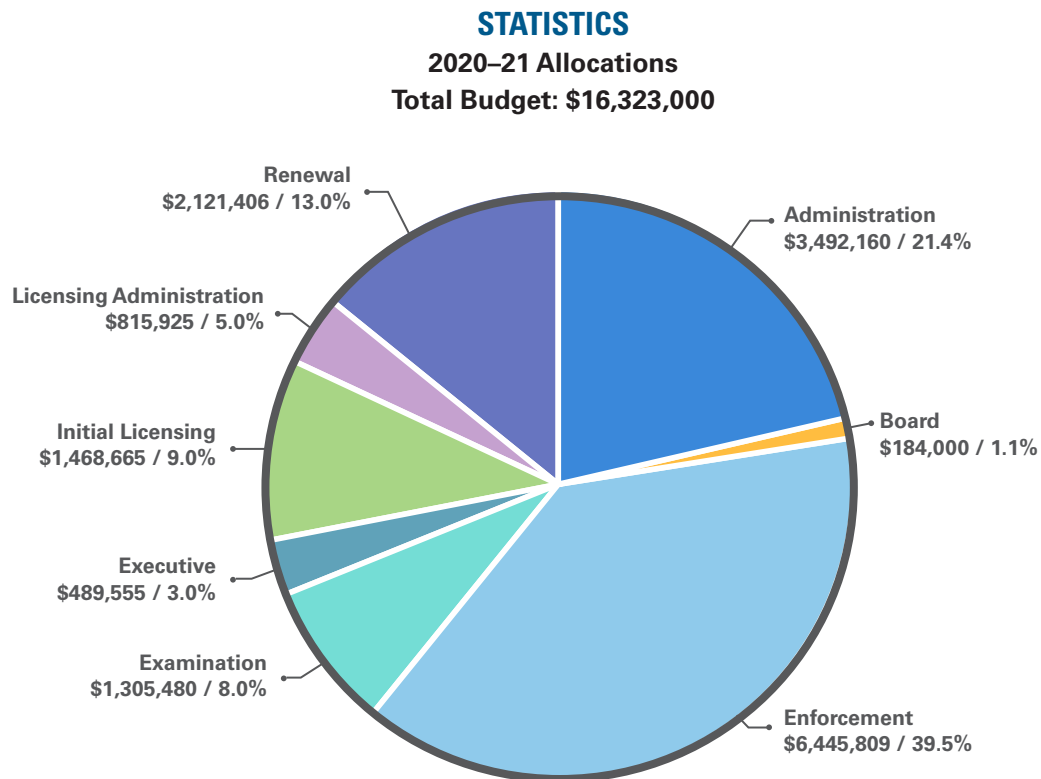
While the noted fee increase to \$250 represented a necessary step to create better balance between revenues and expenditures, staff continue to work on a regulatory proposal to increase license renewal and initial licensure fees to the statutory maximum of \$280. The rulemaking proposal was approved by DCA and filed with the Office of Administrative Law in June 2021. A public hearing on the proposed increase was held in August and is presently pending submission to the Office of Administrative Law.

CBA REVENUE



STATISTICS

The CBA allocates its budget to various organizational units to best meet its consumer protection mission while also striving to provide the best customer service to its stakeholders. The chart below depicts all of the organizational units comprising the CBA and their associated funding levels for 2020–21.



EXPENDITURES

Personnel Services	\$9,959,291
General Expense	\$97,599
Printing	\$499
Communication	\$56,145
Postage	\$20,891
Insurance	\$1,409
Travel In-State	\$1,822
Travel Out-of-State	\$0
Training	\$2,496
Facilities Operations	\$609,657
Consulting and Professional Services (internal)	\$698,788
Consulting and Professional Services (external)	\$189,213
Department of Consumer Affairs Pro Rata	\$2,452,828
Departmental Services	\$14,993
Consolidated Data Centers	\$166,372
Information Technology	\$24,976
Equipment	\$90,100
Special Items of Expense	\$37,259
Scheduled Reimbursements	(\$22,176)
Unscheduled Reimbursements	(\$165,493)
Total	\$14,236,667

Note: The expenditures for 2020–21 are based on fiscal month 13 reports and reflect actual amounts expended. The expenditure amounts shown are not equal to the amounts shown on the fund condition report due to the fund condition displaying both expended and encumbered amounts.



Reserve Level

The CBA's reserve level for end of fiscal year 2020–21 was \$12,863,000, which is an approximate 7.9 months in reserve. The CBA operates within its legislatively established budget and ensures spending does not exceed its authorized amount. At the end of each fiscal year, the CBA will revert any unspent monies to its reserve.

FUND CONDITION STATEMENT (Dollars in Thousands)			
	Fiscal Year 2019–20	Fiscal Year 2020–21	Fiscal Year 2021–22
Beginning Balance	\$24,201	\$20,816	\$12,863
Prior Year Adjustments	(-\$218) ¹	N/A	N/A
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$23,983	\$20,816	\$12,863
Revenues	\$12,249	\$17,807	\$16,900
Interest Income Revenue	\$431	\$84	\$56
Accrued Interest, Loans to General Fund	N/A	(-\$10,000)	N/A
Loans Repaid from General Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Revenue and Transfers	\$12,680	\$7,905	\$16,956
Budget Authority	\$17,022	\$16,323	\$18,230
Actual Expenditures ²	\$14,707	\$14,753	\$18,230 ³
Disbursements to Other State Agencies	\$1,140	\$1,105	\$1,533
Fund Balance	\$20,816	\$12,863	\$10,352
Months in Reserve	15.8	7.9	6.2

¹ \$218,000 was deducted to pay previous year's expenses or invoices that came in late or after the end of the fiscal year closing.

² Expenditure figures on this fund condition statement consist of actual expenditures and encumbered amounts. Encumbered amounts may be reflected on the fund condition statement for up to three years, and then are included in the prior year adjustment amount.

³ Fiscal year 2021–22 is a projection expending full budget authority.



On the Horizon

The CBA is anticipating completion of its fee analysis in late 2021. The fee analysis is to determine if present fee levels align with the cost to perform the corresponding service. Based on the outcome of the fee analysis statutory or regulatory changes may be necessary.

The CBA's personnel expenditures in 2021–22 were significantly reduced as employee pay reductions were implemented statewide in response to California's economic crisis caused by COVID-19. The pay reduction became effective July 1, 2020, and was originally expected to be in place for two years. However, the 9.23% reduction in pay was restored one year sooner than expected due to the vast improvement in California's economic condition.

COVID-19 and its resultant statewide fiscal effects also prompted the state of California to internally borrow money from its special fund agencies in July 2020. The CBA was one of many DCA entities selected by the Pooled Money Investment Board to make such a General Fund loan. The CBA's loan to the General Fund in 2020–21 was for \$10 million and is scheduled to be repaid with interest in fiscal year 2024–25 or sooner, as economic conditions improve.

Additional Resources

To keep CBA members and stakeholders apprised of the CBA's fiscal standing, a budget report is presented during CBA meetings. The information includes expenditures, year-end projections, staffing allocations, and the Accountancy Fund status. The budget information for CBA meetings is posted on the website. The presentation on the CBA's budget can be viewed during the meeting webcast and the video is archived on the CBA website.

For additional transparency, a report on the CBA's budget is provided annually in the *UPDATE* publication. This report contains budget allocation information, expenditures, and upcoming budgetary changes. Additional information can be found in prior annual reports (available at www.cba.ca.gov under the "Communications & Outreach" tab).





OUTREACH

OUTREACH EVENTS

It was a busy year for the CBA, despite colleges and universities shifting to online classes. The CBA worked with five universities to execute six virtual outreach events during 2020–21 aimed to inspire and educate students in how and why they should pursue CPA licensure after graduation. There was also an event with a private corporation and an event aimed at a statewide audience of community college students. It is estimated that CBA outreach events reached a total of 600 students during 2020–21. Videos of many of the events were posted to the CBA [YouTube](#) channel and linked from the CBA [website](#) for ongoing viewing.



CBA President Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA

September 2020 Intel Corporation

The Intel Corporation invited the CBA to speak at its September 15 online event titled “CPA/CMA Roadshow,” geared toward Intel’s accounting and finance professionals located in California and neighboring states. CBA Examination Unit Manager Suzanne Gracia discussed the requirements and steps involved to obtain a CPA license.

September 2020 “From Community College to CPA”

The California Society of CPAs (CalCPA) held “[From Community College to CPA](#),” the first time the event was online. This allowed CalCPA to promote the event to accounting students across the state. President Corrigan spoke about the role of the CBA, requirements for CPA licensure, and participated in a panel discussion with other CPAs and community college professors. Nearly 100 students from all corners of the state watched that evening, from Sierra College in Northern California to Pasadena City College in Southern California, and many points in between.



October 2020 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

The CBA partnered with California State Polytechnic University, Pomona's (Cal Poly Pomona) Department of Accounting for an educational outreach event, which occurred **October 6**. Nearly 200 of Cal Poly Pomona's accounting and finance students participated in the online seminar.

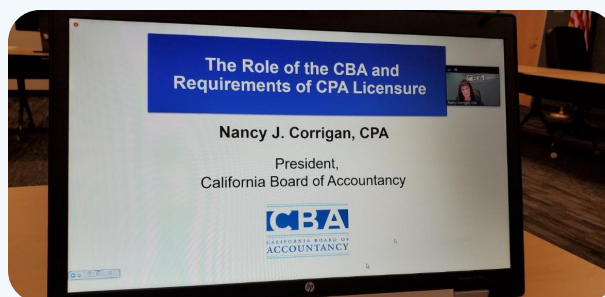
The program was broken up into two segments. The first was an hour-long presentation and panel discussion featuring President Corrigan, a Cal Poly Pomona alumna and a member of its Accounting Department Advisory Council; along with CalCPA Chair Jolene Fraser, CPA; Mel Hudson, CPA, partner at RSM US; and Cal Poly Pomona Director of Graduate Studies Dr. Meihau Koo. The panel addressed the future of the accounting field and its job market, and answered relevant questions, such as how COVID-19 may have changed opportunities to gain the experience necessary to apply for licensure.

The second segment consisted of four hours of individual student assessments. During this time, four CBA staff reviewed students' transcripts to provide guidance regarding the education requirements for the CPA Examination and CPA licensure. Fifty-eight Cal Poly Pomona students took advantage of this opportunity.

Due to the event's success, Cal Poly Pomona staff discussed conducting the event again in spring 2021, and expanding it to twice a year.

January 2021 Golden Gate University

Approximately 50 Golden Gate University (GGU) students participated virtually on January 25 in an event titled **"CPA—Game Changer!"** President Corrigan spoke about the role of the CBA and the value of the CPA title, including how it made a difference in her career. Teaming with President



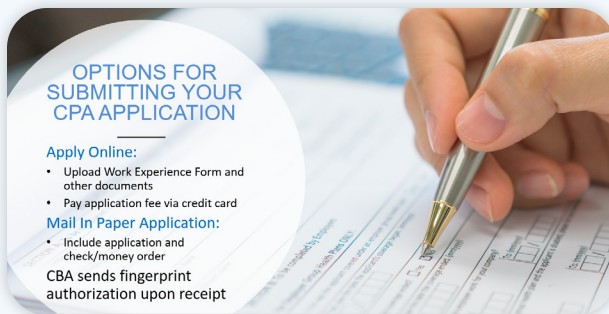
Corrigan were CBA Examination Unit Manager Ms. Gracia and Initial Licensing Unit Manager Ramona Bermudez, who covered the topics of the qualifications and application process for the CPA Examination and CPA licensure. CBA Member Mary M. Geong, CPA, an alumna of GGU, joined the lineup to speak about her career from graduation to CPA, including now being on the CBA. CBA staff also answered a variety of student questions after the presentations. GGU staff was highly appreciative and said the event was valuable for their students.

February 2021 San Francisco State University

The "Pathways to Success in Accounting" event took place February 11, in partnership with CalCPA and San Francisco State University. The event featured a variety of speakers from a broad spectrum of accounting careers. President Corrigan, Ms. Gracia, and Ms. Bermudez represented the CBA and gave presentations on a similar slate of topics as at GGU, but also focusing on upcoming changes to the CPA Examination in 2024.

In an effort to connect more effectively with the audience in a virtual outreach setting, an updated deck of PowerPoint slides complementing the CBA presentations was debuted at this event, with three examples of the slides shown on the next page. These new slides gave the CBA presentations a fresher feel and more visually appealing look.





April 2021 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Following a successful outreach event with Cal Poly Pomona in fall 2020, staff invited the CBA to partner with them for a similar event in the spring. The event, which featured an hour of presentations and four hours of one-on-one student educational assessments, occurred **April 21**, and was watched by over 100 students. President Corrigan, Ms. Gracia, and Ms. Bermudez, were joined by CBA staff member David Hemphill for the presentation portion, speaking about a similar slate of topics as at San Jose State University. Ms. Bermudez also announced the new online application process for CPA licensure, which had just been activated the previous day.

Thirty Cal Poly Pomona students met individually with CBA staff members Jennifer Huddy, Jennifer Jackson, Diane Edwards, and Delia Tomas to discuss their coursework, and where the students stood in fulfilling the education requirements to sit for the CPA Examination and apply for CPA licensure.

April 2021 San Jose State University

On April 14, the CBA took part in an outreach event with San Jose State University attended by approximately 80 students. President Corrigan spoke about the role of the CBA and the value of the CPA title, including how it made a difference in her career. Presenting with President Corrigan were CBA Examination Unit staff, who covered the topics of the qualifications and application process for the CPA Exam and CPA licensure, along with a mention of changes coming to the CPA Exam in 2024. CBA staff also answered a variety of student questions after the presentations.

May 2021 California State University, San Bernardino

The final event of the spring semester happened **May 4**. In addition to President Corrigan, Ms. Bermudez, and Mr. Hemphill's presentations, California State University, San Bernardino alumni members of the Inland Empire chapter of CalCPA gave opening remarks and discussed their CPA career journeys from graduation to today. More than 100 students participated.



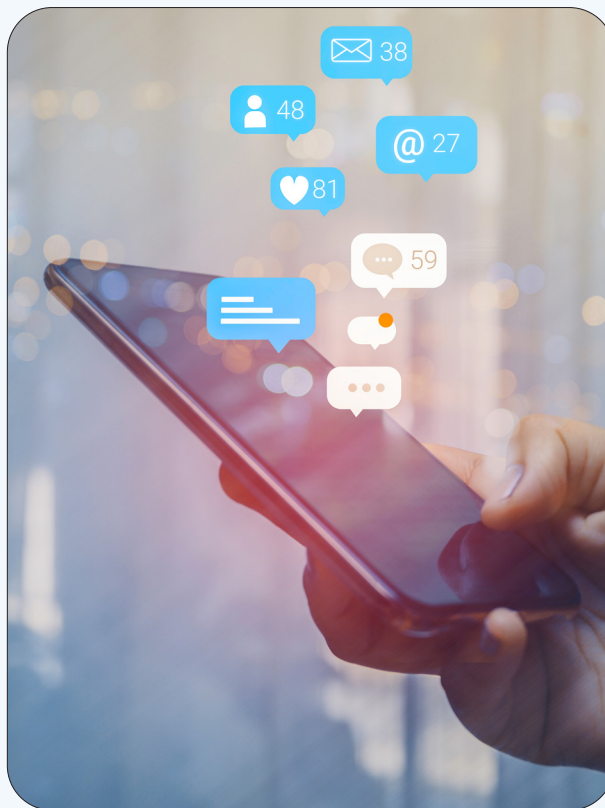
SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH

The CBA's Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn social media pages added nearly 1,600 followers during 2020–21, a growth of 20%. The platforms are on pace to surpass 10,000 total followers before the end of 2021.

Social media posts in the past year have ranged from helpful reminders regarding license renewals and announcements of the new online application, to messages coordinated with the Governor's Office, such as raising awareness of the COVID-19 vaccines and encouraging Californians to conserve energy during Flex Alerts.

In July 2020, the CBA launched a social media campaign featuring weekly updates regarding the amount of time it was currently taking to review applications. The posts consisted of Processing Date Calendars to give a visual representation of the processing times, and the calendars used a retro-inspired font intended to grab followers' attention. The campaign caught the attention of a national accounting blog, which wrote an entire article about the posts, and praised the CBA for its transparency. The weekly posts also spurred numerous comments and private messages, as applicants seeing the increased interaction became aware that the CBA's social media pages could be an additional way to communicate. This is another opportunity for CBA staff to provide excellent customer service by answering questions in a timely manner.

CBA staff sends news releases to traditional media outlets regarding CBA member appointments and annual member elections. In addition, following the approval of disciplinary cases at CBA meetings and the posting of the related orders on the CBA website, staff informs reporters and editors throughout California of the enforcement actions.





STRATEGIC PLANNING

OVERVIEW

The CBA continues to make significant progress in meeting the goals and objectives identified in its 2019–2021 *Strategic Plan*. Here are highlights from a few of those goals.

OUTREACH

Provide and maintain effective and timely outreach to all CBA stakeholders.

Achievements in this area include:

- Updated the CBA's comprehensive Communications and Outreach Plan to acknowledge achievements from the prior year and identify new CBA priorities and strategies to achieve them.
- Enhanced current and established new partnerships with colleges, universities, and professional societies. This has enabled the CBA to continue advocating for its consumer protection mission and reach stakeholders regarding qualifications for the CPA Examination, CPA licensure, and license renewal.
- Conducted virtual outreach events with colleges and universities.
- Significantly increased social media presence by engaging stakeholders and providing increased transparency, including weekly processing time updates via social media.

ENFORCEMENT

Maintain an active, effective, and efficient program to maximize consumer protection.

Achievements in this area include:

- Added information to the Enforcement Activity Reports regarding unlicensed activity case statistics and citation and fine appeals.
- Monitored cases that the CBA took action on that resulted in the revocation of a license or stipulated surrender to assess whether the individual is continuing to practice as a CPA, and whether a case needs to be opened or referred to local law enforcement/district attorney or DCA's Division of Investigation.
- Created and simplified an online complaint form and made other enhancements to the CBA website to better assist consumers in reporting unlicensed activity.



LICENSING

Maintain an active, effective, and efficient program to maximize consumer protection.

Achievements in this area include:

- Implemented a process to allow electronic submission of transcripts and documents for CPA licensure.
- Collaborated with CBA Information Technology (IT) staff, DCA, and an IT vendor to create an online system for applicants to apply for their CPA license.
- Created a video to assist applicants for CPA licensure with the new online application.
- Designated a liaison to military and refugee/asylee/special immigrant visa holder applicants to provide expedited licensure.
- Established an agreement with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to schedule twice-annual data deliveries that will allow for the CBA to receive consistent peer reviewer data, thus facilitating the monitoring of the peer review program.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Deliver the highest level of customer service.

Achievements in this area include:

- Enhanced the License Lookup information to better identify licensees with disciplinary action against their license.
- Expanded online services to include the option of paying for CPA application and CPA licensure fees.

- Responded in a timely manner to the growing number of questions received privately through CBA social media platforms.

- Increased the interactivity of *UPDATE* newsletters by including links to related information on the CBA website from within the article.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Improve efficiency and information security through the use of existing and emerging technologies.

Achievements in this area include:

- Implemented an online dashboard for CPA licensing applicants to monitor the status of their applications.
- Enhanced website information to further assist military and refugee/asylee/special immigrant visa holders.
- Received a positive outcome on its network structure and security protocols during the 2021 security assessment conducted by the California Military Department.

2022–2024 Strategic Plan

During 2021, the CBA initiated work on the development of its *2022–2024 Strategic Plan*. An Environmental Scan will be completed and the new strategic plan will be released in early 2022.





ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

OVERVIEW

The Enforcement Program's primary responsibility is to oversee the enforcement of California laws and rules governing the practice of public accountancy. It does this by:

- Conducting complex investigations regarding practice issues that require the expertise of a licensed CPA.
- Conducting investigations for administrative violations and unlicensed activity.
- Issuing citations and fines for violations that do not rise to the level of discipline.
- Filing accusations and imposing discipline.
- Assigning and monitoring referrals to the Office of the Attorney General.
- Monitoring licensees on probation.
- Monitoring compliance with the mandatory peer review program.

STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The Enforcement Program continued to realize improvements in case management due to best practices development and implementation in the prior fiscal years as illustrated:

- The Enforcement Program closed 2,656 investigations. This is a 21% increase in the number of cases closed compared to the prior fiscal year (2,199). Staff closed nearly 75% of the investigations within the first six months, and 95% within one year.
- The number of complaints received this fiscal year (2,729) increased 19% compared to the prior fiscal year (2,295). The overall inventory of pending complaints at the end of this fiscal year was 779.
- The Enforcement Program continues to focus on decreasing the number of complaints pending over 24 months. Since the end of fiscal

year 2017–18, the program has decreased the number of complaints in this category by 92%. There are presently four complaints pending over 24 months.

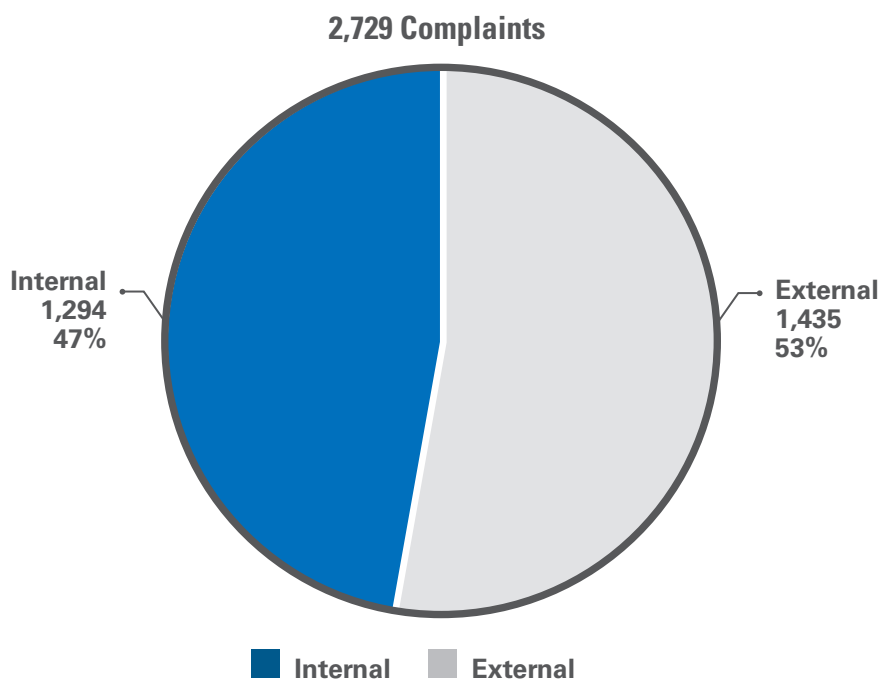
- The Enforcement Program, working collaboratively with the Enforcement Advisory Committee, took steps to modify its practice for conducting investigative hearings so they could be performed in a virtual format. Investigative hearings have historically occurred face-to-face in conjunction with meetings. The investigative hearings include several participants, including members, Enforcement Program staff, a deputy attorney general, a court reporter, and the licensee (who may also have counsel). During fiscal year 2020–21, the Enforcement Program conducted six investigative hearings.



Complaints Received

The Enforcement Program receives complaints from consumers, licensees, professional societies, law enforcement, other government agencies, and internal referrals. In addition, staff regularly monitors other outlets, including the news media and social media, for information that may suggest licensees' violations of the California Accountancy Act and CBA regulations.

The internal complaints from the CBA Licensing Program include various licensing renewal deficiencies related to continuing education, unlicensed activity, potential discrepancies in peer review reporting, and conviction and subsequent arrest notifications.



Investigations

The Enforcement Program closed 2,656 cases in 2020–21. The average days to close an investigation was 113.

Investigations	2020–21
Assigned for Investigation	2,729
Investigations Closed	2,656
Average Days to Close	113

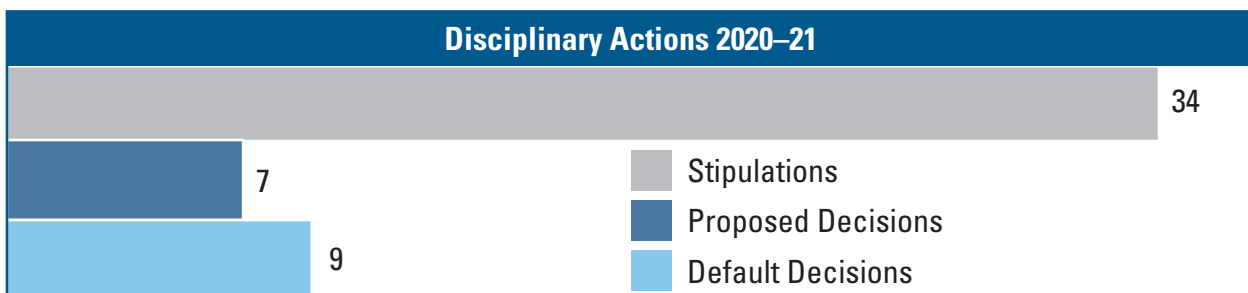
Working With the Attorney General's Office

The number of referrals to the Attorney General's Office stayed constant in 2020–21 with 51 cases compared to 50 in the prior fiscal year. The number of cases pending at the Attorney General's Office decreased slightly from 41 cases in 2019–20 to 39 in 2020–21. The continued decrease in the past three years is primarily attributed to the Enforcement Program's effectiveness in working to obtain settlement shortly after a pleading is filed.

Attorney General's Office 2020–21	
Referrals	51
Cases Pending	39

Disciplinary Actions

The CBA took action on 50 matters, the majority of which were through stipulated settlements. This is a decrease in the number of matters handled by the CBA in fiscal year 2019–20, which was 69. This decrease over the last two fiscal years can be attributed to the decrease in cases pending at the Attorney General's Office.



Citations

The CBA uses its citation and fine authority for violations that do not rise to the level of discipline, and as a mechanism to gain compliance from licensees. In 2020–21, the CBA issued 376 citations, which is 116% more than the previous year. The top three violations included:

- **CBA Regulations section 87(a)(1) (20/12 Continuing Education Requirement)**
 - Note: The citations issued were for licensees who failed to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education in each year of their two-year license renewal period (with a minimum of 12 hours in technical subject matter). This regulation is commonly referred to as the "20/12 requirement."
- **CBA Regulations section 52 (Response to CBA Inquiry)**
- **CBA Regulations section 87 (Continuing Education Basic Requirement)**

Unlicensed Activity

The CBA actively investigates unlicensed matters from both external/consumer complaints and internally identified matters on CPAs or accountancy firms operating with an expired license, individuals without



a CPA license, and unregistered accounting firms. Generally, the Enforcement Program is able to obtain compliance from individuals, but does issue citations or refer matters to local law enforcement or the district attorney when warranted.

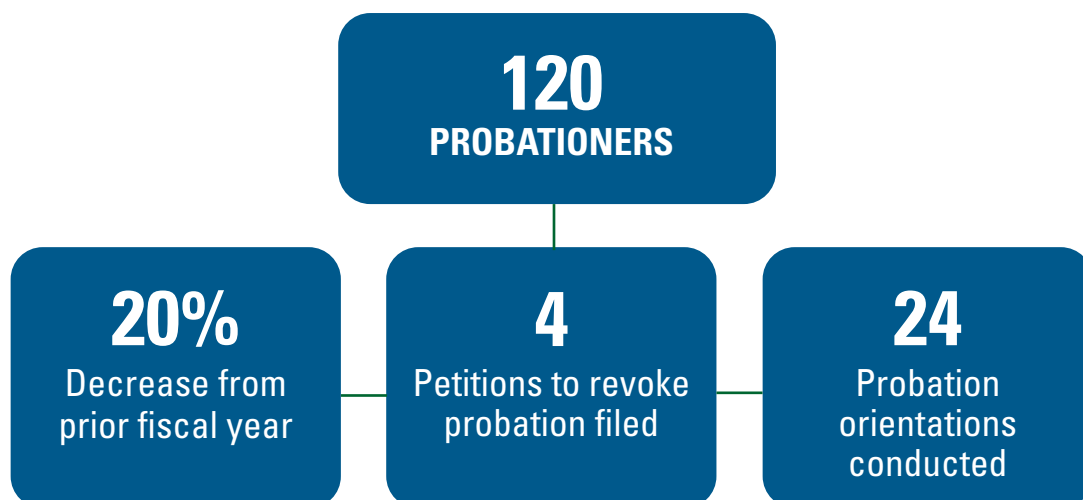
The number of complaints received regarding unlicensed matters increased significantly, from 142 complaints received during 2019–20, to 475 complaints received during 2020–21, a 234% increase. The Enforcement Program closed 401 unlicensed complaints during 2020–21, a 116% increase from 2019–20.

Unlicensed Activity 2020–21	
Complaints Received	475
Investigations Pending	146

Unlicensed Activity Outcomes 2020–21	
Citations Issued	17
Closed for Compliance	382
Referred to District Attorney/Local Law Enforcement	2
Total	401

Probation Monitoring

Probation monitoring is an important program and essential aspect of the CBA's consumer protection mission. It helps ensure only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards.



Practice Privilege Reporting

This table depicts the enforcement aspects of the CBA's mobility program in these identified areas:

Practice Privilege Reporting	Total
Pre-Notification Forms Received	1
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Discipline Identified	0
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Discipline Identified	7
Out-of-State Accounting Firms that Reported Other Discipline	3
External Complaints Against Practice Privilege Holders	1

Enforcement Performance Measures

Enforcement Performance Measures	Target	Result
Number of Complaints and Convictions Received	N/A	2,729
Number of Complaints Closed or Assigned to an Investigator	N/A	2,729
Average Number of Days from Complaint Receipt to the Date the Complaint Was Closed or Assigned to an Investigator	10 days	1 day
Number of Investigations Closed (Not Including Cases Transmitted to the Attorney General)	N/A	2,656
Average Number of Days to Complete the Entire Enforcement Process for Cases Not Transmitted to the Attorney General (Includes Intake and Investigation)	180 days	113 days
Cases Closed After Transmission to the Attorney General for Formal Disciplinary Action (Including Formal Discipline and Closures Without Formal Discipline, e.g., Withdrawals, Dismissals, etc.)	N/A	54
Cases Closed After Transmission to the Attorney General for Formal Disciplinary Action (Including Formal Discipline and Closures Without Formal Discipline, e.g., Withdrawals, Dismissals, etc.)	540 days	915 days
Number of New Probation Cases	N/A	30
Average Number of Days from the Date a Violation of Probation is Reported to the Date the Assigned Monitor Initiates Appropriate Action	15 days	1 day



The CBA's Investigation Cycle Time was 113 days. Although this is an increase compared to the last fiscal year's cycle of 82 days, the CBA investigated 361 more cases than last fiscal year. The average number of days to complete investigations is a result of process changes made within the Enforcement Program's Intake Unit.

The CBA's average number of days for the Formal Discipline Performance Measure increased from 904 days for 2019–20 to 915 in 2020–21. The performance measure associated with formal discipline calculates the average number of days to complete the entire enforcement process from the date the complaint was received until the effective date of the final discipline for decisions that took effect during that quarter. As the Enforcement Program works to address its aging case inventory and the CBA acts on these matters, there will be a direct impact on this performance measure.

On the Horizon

Consistent with the CBA's mission of consumer protection, the CBA will be continuing to work collaboratively with other state boards, agencies, and regulators in investigating unlicensed activity to ensure consumers are receiving services from appropriately licensed professionals.

The Enforcement Program will begin making updates and modifications to the CBA Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Orders (Guidelines). This will ensure any new statutes and regulations are appropriately identified in the Guidelines and update any of the various model orders and terms and conditions of probation to reflect CBA expectations for its various decisions and orders.

Additional Resources

The CBA offers an online complaint form and information to assist consumers who may have concerns or a complaint against a licensee. It is available at www.cba.ca.gov under the "Consumers" tab.

Additionally, there are helpful resources on the CBA website under the "Applicants" and "Licensees" tabs to assist applicants and licensees in understanding the enforcement process, including:

- [The Enforcement Handbook for CPA Licensure Applicants](#)
- [The Enforcement Handbook for Licensees](#)





LICENSING ACTIVITIES

OVERVIEW

The Licensing Program's primary charge in meeting the CBA's consumer protection mission is to regulate entry and continuing practice in the profession by ensuring that only those who are qualified are licensed to practice public accountancy. Its three units—Examination, Initial Licensing, and Renewal and Continuing Competency—act as gatekeepers for the profession by ensuring:

- Applicants meet education requirements prior to taking the CPA Examination.
- Applicants for licensure meet the examination, education, and experience requirements necessary for CPA licensure.
- Accountancy partnerships and corporations are appropriately registered.
- Applicants for renewal maintain reasonable currency of knowledge.
- Out-of-state registered accounting firms that intend to perform specified accounting services for entities headquartered in California meet the minimum registration requirements.

STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The CBA maintains a 30-day processing target for its applications. The CBA reports this target timeframe to the Governor's Office and the California Legislature as part of performance-based budgeting requirements and is included in the CBA's *2019–2021 Strategic Plan*.

Licensing Program staff worked collaboratively with CBA and DCA IT staff to create the online application for CPA licensure for candidates applying for a CPA license. CPA licensing applicants are able to submit a complete application, upload and attach supporting documents, and pay the application fee online.

An online dashboard for CPA licensing applicants was created to further support applicants. After receipt of a licensing application, applicants are able to log into their dashboard to monitor the

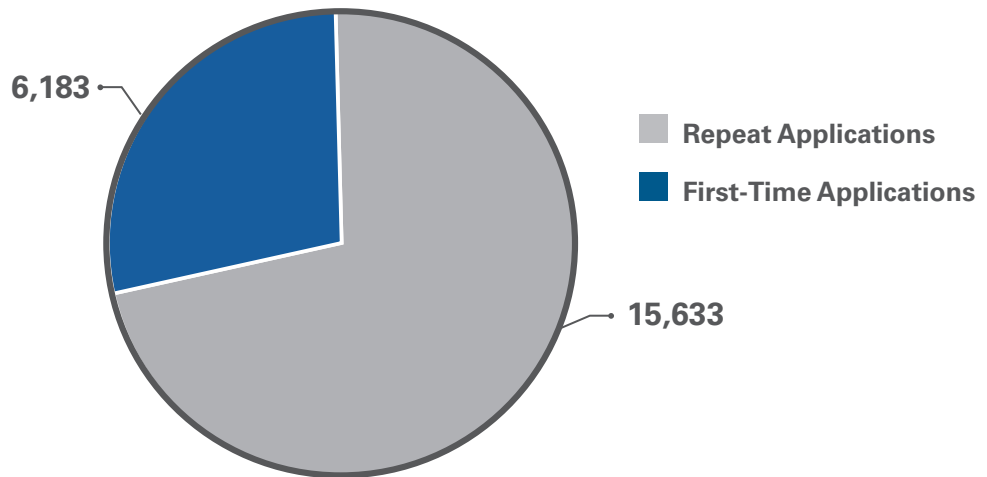
status of the application by tracking CBA receipt and approval of various supporting documentation (e.g., transcripts, experience forms, etc.).

The Qualifications Committee met virtually throughout the fiscal year, conducting critical interviews of applicants and employers to support recommendations for licensure to the Licensing Program staff. To assist in the interview process, Licensing Program staff developed a flyer providing guidance to those who must appear before the Qualifications Committee, in an effort to facilitate a smoother appearance process.

The CBA will resume Prometric Testing Center visits in 2021–22. The purpose of Prometric test center visits are to evaluate how testing center staff adhere to security and other procedural requirements.



21,816 Applications Approved for the CPA Examination



Application and Licensure Statistics

Provided here is an overview of the application and licensure volume for both individual and accounting firm licenses:

Application Type	2020–21*
First-Time CPA Examination	
Received	6,074
Approved	6,183
Initial CPA Licensure	
Received	3,577
Approved	4,046
CPA Accountancy Firm	
Received	436
Approved	477
Renewals	
Received	48,641
Approved	46,986

*Note: Applications received at the end of the fiscal year may not be processed until the following fiscal year.



Population

		2020–21
Certified Public Accountant	Active CPA/PA	58,529
	Out-of-State	24,393
	Out-of-Country	2,910
	Delinquent/Expired	11,613
	Retired Status	3,774
	Inactive	30,617

Out-of-State Accounting Firm Registrations

Out-of-state accounting firms that hold a valid and current license, certificate, or permit to practice public accountancy from another state are required to register with the CBA prior to performing specified services through a qualified practice privilege holder.

Out-of-State Accounting Firm Registrations	2020–21
Initial Registration Received	84
Initial Registration Approved	67
Enforcement Referrals	5

License Renewals

CPA licensees are required to renew their licenses biennially, in conjunction with their birth month. Accountancy corporations, partnerships, and out-of-state accounting firms are also required to renew biennially, corresponding with their registration date with the CBA. Additionally, a Fictitious Name Permit holder must renew every five years from the date of issuance.

License Renewals	2020–21
Certified Public Accountant/Public Accountant	43,947
Accountancy Corporation	1,951
Accountancy Partnership	579
Out-of-State Accounting Firm	133
Fictitious Name Permit	376
Total	46,986



License Renewal Review	
Total Reviewed	21,991
Deficient/CE Waiver	3,238
Deficient/CE Waiver Percentage Rate	15%

The license renewal application review includes both individual and firm applications. As part of these reviews, staff evaluate the various requirements necessary for each license renewal type, which would include a review of continuing education worksheets for each CPA renewal.

Continuing Education Audits	
Compliant	557
Pending Review	104
Deficient/CE Waiver	67
Enforcement Referral	34
Total Selected	762

On the Horizon

The primary focus in the Licensing Program remains the processing of applications within 30 days. The CBA will continue exploring methods that streamline processes, create efficiencies, and leverage resources to more quickly process applications and assist applicants on their pathway to licensure.

The CBA is scheduled to begin work on the Business Modernization pilot project in fall 2021. The pilot will focus on automating the license renewal process.

Additional Resources

The CBA website—www.cba.ca.gov—contains significant resources for applicants and licensees including:

- **Exam Quick Tips** and **Licensing Quick Tips**
- Handbooks for **CPA Examination**, **CPA licensure**, and **licensees' frequently asked questions**
- Webinars on CPA examination and CPA licensure requirements



Assistance to Military and Refugees/Asylees/Special Immigrant Visa Holders

The CBA has had information on its website focused on assisting the military and their families for several years. In early 2021, the CBA revamped the information and expanded it to not only include information to military members, but also to refugees/asylees/special immigrant visa holders regarding available resources, such as priority review and expedited application processing.

The CBA also established both a military-specific and a refugee/asylee/special immigrant visa holder-specific email address and toll-free telephone number. A military and refugee/asylee/special immigrant visa holder liaison was also appointed. The liaison serves as a primary point of contact and is available to directly assist these applicants and licensees.

Through the end of June 2021, there had been 107 inquiries received through the military email and phone number, and four through the same refugee services.

The CBA's Executive Officer, along with other DCA Executive staff, were invited to provide a presentation at the Department of Social Services

regarding Assembly Bill 2113 (Chapter 186 of 2020), which implemented many of the provisions aimed at assisting refugee/asylee/special immigrant visa holder applicants.

Further, the CBA has taken a support position on several legislative proposals aimed at assisting military members and their families with easing the logistics of obtaining a license to practice public accountancy in California. CBA staff provided testimony in support of Assembly Bill 1386, which would have eliminated the fees associated with initial licensure and some examination fees. Since the implementation of these practices, the CBA has received positive feedback from those using the liaison's assistance. The newly implemented practices have improved our customer service and application processing times for these individuals, and we look forward to continuing to serve them in this manner in the future.

Resources

- **Military**—Email militaryinfo@cba.ca.gov or call (833) 992-0577.
- **Refugee/asylee/special immigrant visa holder**—Email refugeeinfo@cba.ca.gov or call (833) 656-2318.





LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW

The CBA's legislative and regulatory programs help ensure California laws support the CBA's consumer protection mission. This is accomplished by using the following best practices:

- Tracking and monitoring the status of bills that may impact the CBA's mission or its operations.
- Developing and maintaining relationships with the Legislature to help ensure the CBA has the resources and policies in place to protect consumers.
- Communicating with the authors of bills of interest to the CBA, inviting those authors to attend CBA meetings, providing CBA's legislative analyses, and expressing willingness to meet and discuss pending legislation.
- Identifying activities that help the CBA in effectively engaging with the Legislature and appropriately advocating for its position on bills and emerging issues.
- Engaging with stakeholders including DCA, other boards and bureaus, representatives of CalCPA, national accounting firms, and consumer advocates.
- Initiating changes to statutes or regulatory requirements consistent with CBA-approved policy.

STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The highlight of the CBA's legislative activity for 2021 has been the CBA's sponsorship of AB 298 (Irwin). Working collaboratively with CalCPA and other stakeholder groups, the proposal would enable applicants to sit for the CPA Examination 180 days prior to completing their educational requirements. In addition, the proposal would add additional qualifying coursework in ethics, preserve the privacy of email addresses of applicants and licensees held by the CBA, and would authorize the CBA secretary/treasurer or another CBA member to preside over CBA meetings.

During 2021, staff engaged with the Legislature, DCA, and other stakeholders to advocate for the CBA's position on these key bills:

AB 105 (Holden)—CBA POSITION: WATCH

Outcome: Vetoed

Summary: Beginning January 1, 2022, all state boards and commissions must have at least one volunteer member from an underrepresented community. This requirement will only apply as vacancies occur. AB 105 requires the State Personnel Board to prescribe, and the Department of Human Resources to oversee, compliance with a merit-based civil service system to govern appointments, classifications, examinations, probationary periods, and disciplinary actions. The bill authorizes the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) to 1) conduct audits and investigations of personnel practices and 2) investigate complaints filed by employees in a state department's Equal Employment Opportunity Program. AB 105 would



also require hiring oral examinations to be video or otherwise electronically recorded, and such recordings be maintained for three years and that CalHR develop model upward mobility goals by July 1, 2022.

AB 107 (Salas)—CBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Outcome: Chapter 693 of 2021

Summary: This bill would require a board within DCA to, after appropriate investigation, issue a temporary license to practice a profession to an applicant who meets the following requirements: 1) is married to, a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces assigned to a duty station in California, and 2) has a current, active, and unrestricted license to practice their profession in another U.S. jurisdiction. The provisions for the issuance of a temporary license would not apply to a board, such as the CBA, that has a process under which these individuals are able to receive expedited, temporary authorization to practice while meeting state-specific requirements for a period of at least one year. AB 107 would also require DCA and its boards to post information on their websites relating to licensure for these individuals.

AB 298 (Irwin)—CBA POSITION: SPONSOR

Outcome: Chapter 300 of 2021

Summary: This bill would allow the CBA to admit applicants to sit for the CPA Examination 180 days prior to completing their educational requirements, under certain conditions. The bill also provides greater latitude with regard to courses to satisfy the CBA's ethics requirements. AB 298 also includes additional minor proposals related to the privacy of applicant and licensee email addresses, and would authorize the CBA secretary/treasurer or another CBA member to preside over CBA meetings.

AB 646 (Low)—CBA POSITION: WATCH

Outcome: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would require a licensing

board under DCA, including the CBA, to update information on its website regarding licensees who have had their licenses revoked due to criminal conviction(s) that are subsequently expunged, pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4.

AB 885 (Quirk)—CBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Outcome: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would revise the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to encourage greater accessibility for both the public and members of a state body, when state bodies elect to use teleconferencing technology. The bill would define teleconferencing as participation in a meeting both audibly and visually. Under provisions of the bill, members of a state body participating remotely would count towards a quorum and would only require public disclosure of the designated primary physical meeting location from which the public may participate.

AB 1026 (Smith)—CBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Outcome: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would require DCA, and any board within DCA, to grant a 50% fee reduction for an initial license to an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence that they have served as an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces or the California National Guard and was honorably discharged.

AB 1316 (O'Donnell)—CBA POSITION: WATCH

Outcome: Assembly Inactive File

Summary: This bill would require that by January 1, 2023, the CBA, in consultation with the chief executive officer of the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, adopt regulations requiring:

- That 12 of the 80 hours of continuing education required as a condition of license renewal shall be in the areas of accounting, auditing, or related subjects pertaining to California local educational agencies for CPAs who are engaged in financial and compliance audits of a local educational agency.



- That peer reviews are required for accountants conducting audits of local education agencies prior to engaging in that activity.

AB 1386 (Cunningham)—CBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Outcome: Assembly Appropriations Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would prohibit a board within DCA from charging an initial application fee, an initial license issuance fee, or an initial examination fee to an applicant who meets the existing expedited licensing requirements for spouses, domestic partners, or other legal partners of members of the U.S. armed forces with an assigned duty station in California. The initial examination fee shall only be waived if the examination is administered by the board.

SB 607 (Min)—CBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Outcome: Chapter 367 of 2021

Summary: The bill would, among other proposals, require all boards within DCA, including the CBA, to waive all fees charged by the board associated with the application and initial license for applicants who are married to, in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces assigned to a duty station in California, under official active duty military orders, and who hold a current license in another U.S. jurisdiction for which the applicant seeks a license from the board. SB 607 provisions relating to the fee waiver will be effective July 1, 2022. SB 607 contains other proposals that do not impact the CBA.

SB 702 (Limón)—CBA POSITION: SUPPORT

Outcome: Vetoed

Summary: This bill would require that on or before March 1, 2022, the Governor's Office convene a working group to discuss and make recommendations on the most effective way to ensure the state's leadership on boards and commissions reflects diversity in age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, disability status, region, veteran status, and sexual orientation, among other things. The bill specifies the composition of the working group, identifies the issues its recommendations shall address, and details information to be reported annually to the

Legislature and made available to the public on the Governor's website. The working group shall meet beginning April 1, 2022, and five additional times before May 1, 2023, before completing its work by January 1, 2024.

SB 731 (Durazo)—CBA POSITION: WATCH

Outcome: Failed Passage in Assembly (Reconsideration Granted)

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Justice to expand provisions regarding criminal record relief, without requiring a petition or motion by a party for that relief, to include an arrest and a conviction of a felony, if specified conditions are met. It would make an arrest for a felony, where there is no indication that the criminal proceeding has been initiated at least three years after the arrest, eligible for relief. It amends existing law to provide that if the arrest was for a jail or prison felony with a sentence of eight or more years, the record of that arrest shall be eligible for relief when no criminal proceedings have happened six years after the arrest. It would make all felonies eligible for relief, not just jail felonies, and provides that if the defendant was on mandatory supervision, the parole officer shall notify the prosecuting attorney when a petition is filed.

SB 772 (Ochoa Bough)—CBA POSITION: WATCH

Outcome: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee (Two-Year Bill)

Summary: This bill would prohibit any board, bureau, or commission within DCA, including the CBA, from assessing an administrative fine for a violation of the applicable licensing act or any adopted regulation if the violation is a minor violation, as specified.

NOTE: Two-year bills will not be taken up again in 2021, and are not eligible for further action until 2022.

For updates on legislation tracked and monitored by the CBA, please visit the "Laws and Rules" page of the CBA's website, found at www.cba.ca.gov under the "Quick Hits" section.



Regulatory Changes

Throughout fiscal year 2020–21, the CBA advanced its pending rulemaking packages. This chart indicates each pending or approved regulatory change:

Title 16 California Code of Regulations/Status	Subject
Approved	
98, 99, 99.1, 99.2	AB 2138—Disciplinary Guidelines; Substantial Relationship Criteria; Rehabilitation Criteria for Denials, Suspensions, Revocations, Restorations, and Reduction of Penalty; and Directly and Adversely Financial Crime Criteria
45	Peer Review Reporting (Firms) Amend PR-1
Pending	
12.5	Update Attest Experience Forms
19	Practice Privilege Form
70	License Renewal and Initial Licensure Fee Increase
7.1	Continuous Testing
2.8	Satisfactory Evidence
87, 88, 88.1, 88.2, 89, 90	Continuing Education Requirements
54.3, 54.4	Sale, Transfer, or Discontinuance of Practice



On the Horizon

The CBA will be undergoing Sunset Review in 2023. Sunset Review provides the Legislature with an opportunity to conduct a thorough review of the CBA's programs and effectiveness of protecting consumers. The Legislature last conducted a Sunset Review of the CBA in 2019. The CBA President and an additional CBA member will provide testimony regarding CBA operations and respond to various questions regarding activities and accomplishments over the prior four years. There will also be an opportunity to discuss new issues the CBA is facing and possible legislative solutions.

On the legislative front, the CBA is exploring the development of proposals to update the criteria surrounding a licensee's Retired Status, firm ownership requirements, and changes to enable additional use of electronic mail by eliminating any specific requirements to the use of "mailings" for communications.

Additional Resources

The following legislative and regulatory information is posted on the **CBA website**:

- **California Accountancy Act**
- Current and pending **CBA regulations**
- **Pending legislation** upon which the CBA has taken a position





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Business Modernization Project

The CBA continues to work closely with DCA on its Business Modernization Project to achieve its goal of creating a more efficient and automated licensing and enforcement process for consumers, applicants, licensees, and other stakeholders. These improvements will be enabled by a new, integrated IT system, which will replace several legacy systems and applications.

The CBA and DCA worked on compiling information to detail the planning and project phases of the project to identify staffing resources, contracts, procurement of software, and identification of roles for all that are participating. The information is provided to the California Department of Technology, which provides the oversight of all statewide information technology projects.

The next step in the CBA's Business Modernization Project is a pilot project scheduled to start in fall 2021 with a projected completion date of January 2022. The pilot project will focus on automating the license renewal process and submission of online complaints. The CBA continues to make certain the Business Modernization Project remains a high priority and has made staffing adjustments internally to provide DCA with the staff support it needs to ensure a successful outcome.

COVID-19 Technology Response and Security Precautions

CBA's IT staff continued to enhance the CBA's remote work infrastructure in order to improve reliability and staff efficiency. Central to this effort was the addition of support for network printers and network scanners for a remote work infrastructure. Support for these devices allows staff to more fully replicate the functionality of the CBA office environment when working remotely. In addition, more Windows Remote Desktop Services servers were added along with virtual private network access gateways that serve staff to increase reliability through additional redundancy.

The CBA successfully completed its bi-annual comprehensive Information Systems security audit in April 2021. The audit was performed by the California Military Department's Cyber Network Defense Team. This audit followed the significant changes made to the CBA's IT infrastructure to address the need for remote work. This was done because of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the needs of staff that returned to work in the CBA office. The CBA's successful performance in this audit provided independent, third-party validation of the security of the CBA's IT infrastructure for both remote and in-office CBA staff.



The CBA also initiated the purchase of replacement personal computers, laptops, and monitors, as most of the existing equipment has aged beyond its useful life. This new equipment will help the CBA modernize its IT infrastructure and align more closely with DCA's existing IT infrastructure. The CBA expects to receive this new equipment in fall 2021.

The CBA also partnered with the DCA Office of Information Services on Business Modernization and a transition to the online licensing application system. The collaborative work with DCA will be expanded in the future to continue to provide staff with the IT equipment and services needed to carry out their work.






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Upcoming Meetings

May 4, 2022
*See Board website for location and
any updates to meeting dates*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

A new year has arrived as hard as that is to believe, and the Board has continued operations with little to no impact as a result of the pandemic.

As we interact with CPAs and firms on a daily basis, we find there are common misunderstandings on a few topics. With this newsletter, we focus on those topics we routinely discuss with licensees and firms. We hope this newsletter brings clarification to some of those issues.

Take care, be safe and as always, please contact our office if you have questions or concerns.

Patty Faenger
Executive Director



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MISSOURI LICENSE TYPES

CPA Certificate

Prior to August 28, 2001, Missouri issued CPA certificates. After this date, Missouri no longer issued CPA certificates.

If you are a CPA who has a certificate, this entitles you to use the CPA credential BUT not practice public accounting. This is a lifetime certificate and does not require renewal. There are no continuing education requirements if you hold a certificate only.

CPA-Active License

An active CPA license requires an individual to meet the educational requirements, pass the CPA exam, meet the experience requirement and successfully pass the ethics exam. The details of these requirements are outlined

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CPE AUDIT - ARE YOU READY?

What is a CPE audit?

The CPE audit ensures that CPAs are complying with the continuing professional education rules. This in turn protects both the profession and the public it serves.

How are CPAs chosen for the CPE audit?

Each year a percentage of our renewing CPAs are selected at random. CPAs selected for a CPE audit receive a letter and email from the Board notifying them that they have been chosen.

What should I submit to the Board?

If you are notified you are under audit, you will need to provide certificates of completion for each CPE course through a NASBA registered provider or a State Society. If you have taken non-NASBA sponsored courses, you must submit all of the documentation outlined in the Board's rules for review. The CPE must be taken during the audit period. The audit period under review will be specified in your notice.

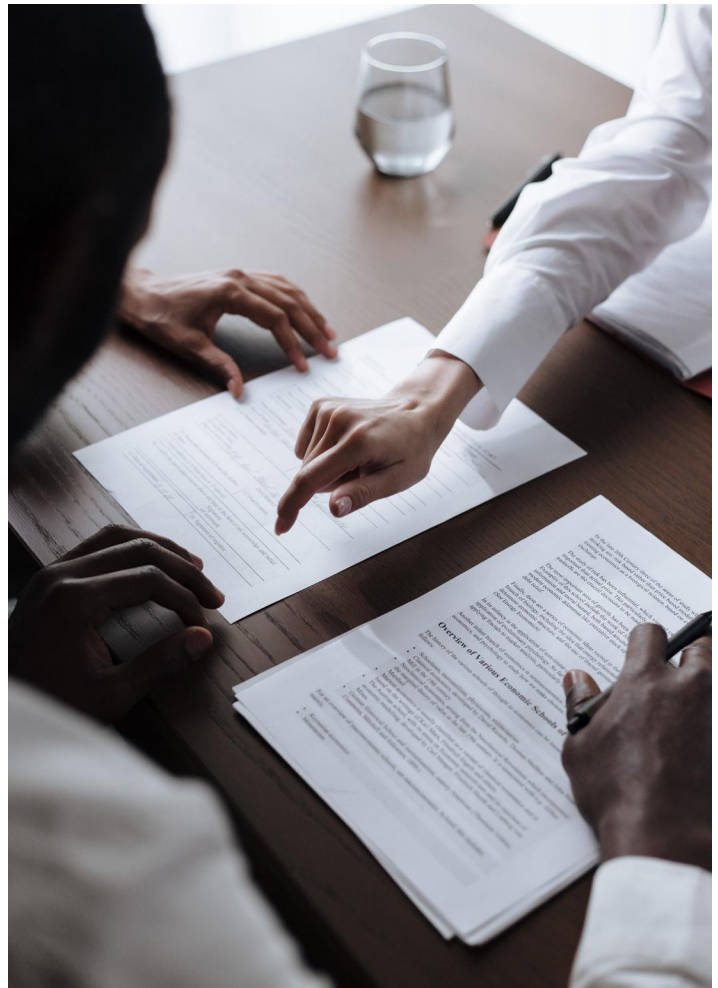
Note – Audit periods are January through December of a designated year. Typical audit periods will be the previous two completed years, however, CPAs are required to maintain their CPE records for the last five calendar years in the event additional years require audit.

Effective January 2020, a grace period was allowed. The grace period is 60 days following the reporting year. This period gives CPAs an extra 60 days to complete their CPE hours.

What are some common errors to avoid?

The most efficient way to comply with a CPE audit is by providing the correct documentation in a timely manner. But, we realize mistakes do happen. Here are some common errors to watch for:

- Reporting undocumented hours
- Reporting CPE in the wrong year



- Failing to retain appropriate documentation
- Submitting documentation that does not meet the Board's requirements (i.e. certificates of completion, sign-in sheets, agendas, etc.)

What if CPE hours submitted for audit are disallowed?

If, during the audit, the Board determines CPE hours do not qualify, the Board staff will notify you, in writing, of the CPE hours that will be disallowed. At this point, you will be given an opportunity to "cure" the shortage of CPE hours due to the disallowed hours within 30 days.

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THE DOS AND DON'TS OF IN-HOUSE CPE

If a firm holds in-house CPE for employees, it is important to make sure the firm's training meets the Board's CPE rules.

Under the rules, CPE from any non-registered NASBA program must contain the following documentation:

- Program materials;
- Agenda with dates, times, and locations;
- Sign-in sheets / records of attendance;
- Number of CPE credits earned by participants;
- Name, contact information, and qualifications of the program developer;
- Name, contact information, and qualifications of the program reviewer; and
- Results of program evaluations.

If you wish to provide in-house CPE training, it is highly recommended that you go through NASBA and obtain approval and a NASBA provider number.

COMMON ERRORS

Found in CPE Hours Submitted from In-House Program



Using a NASBA approved program that was purchased and intended for one individual only and then sharing it with others/watching it as a group and calling it in-house CPE. To avoid this problem, you can purchase these from the provider as a group program and follow the provider's instructions to get individual certificates for each individual who attended.



Using staff training/office procedure reviews as CPE.



Rounding up your CPE hours.



Including breaks and lunches in your calculated CPE hours. Be sure to denote all breaks and lunches on your agenda.



RECIPROCITY – WHEN DO I NEED A MISSOURI CPA LICENSE?

There is often confusion about who needs a Missouri CPA license.

Do you have a CPA firm in Missouri or are you employed by a CPA firm in Missouri? Do you live in Missouri and use the CPA designation in any fashion?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you need to ensure that you and/or your employees are licensed in Missouri.

Time and time again, the Board reviews issues regarding

individuals that have moved to Missouri or who have begun work in Missouri and have failed to apply for licensure.

With changes to Missouri law effective 2020, applying for a license via reciprocity has been streamlined. If you had an active license in another state for at least 12 months and you have no pending complaints/investigations, you are eligible to apply for a license in Missouri by reciprocity. If you do not qualify for reciprocity through this method, please contact the Board office as there may be alternatives for you.

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FIRM PERMITS – THINGS TO KNOW

Over the years, the Board has reviewed complaints involving firms that are not properly permitted to practice; using firm names that do not comply with the Board's statutes and rules, or; have ownership structures that do not comply with Missouri law.

When do I need to obtain a firm permit?

A firm permit must be obtained before your firm can begin to advertise or practice in Missouri.

Entities with offices located inside the State of Missouri such as LLCs, LLPs, PCs, or General Partnerships must apply for a firm permit with the Board in order to use the CPA designation in the firm's name regardless of the type of services offered or performed. This includes single-member LLCs.

If the entity is operating as a sole proprietor (e.g. John Smith, CPA), it is not required to obtain a firm permit unless it performs or offers to perform audits, reviews, compilations or SSARS 21-Section 70 engagements.

Do I have to register my firm's fictitious/DBA name?

If you wish to operate under a name other than the legal name of the firm that has been approved by the Board, you must notify the Board in writing and also register that fictitious name with the Missouri Secretary of State's office.

I've changed my firm. What do I need to do?

Under the Board's rules, certain changes require a new firm permit to be issued, which requires a new initial firm permit application and payment to be submitted for Board approval.

Under Board Rule 20 CSR 2010-2.051 - The change of majority ownership, form of organization (i.e. PC, LLC, LLP, etc.), or name or title of the firm, require the issuance of a new firm permit in order to practice in Missouri.

Troubles figuring out a firm name?

If you are thinking about starting a firm and are having issues deciding on a firm name, keep in mind that the Board's statutes and rules do have some restrictions:

- The name of the firm cannot be misleading as to the legal form of the firm.
- The name of the firm cannot include words or phrases that are quantitative or qualitative such as: "biggest", "best", "finest", "cheapest", etc.
- The firm name of a sole proprietorship or sole practitioner cannot include the words "and Associates", "Company", "and Company", or any designation that implies multiple or corporate ownership.

BOARD NOTIFICATIONS: *WHAT TO REPORT AND WHEN*

I've been sanctioned – What do I do now?

If you or your firm receive disciplinary or enforcement action from any jurisdiction outside of Missouri, please remember to notify the Board in writing within 30 days. Reference 326.286 RSMo and 326.289 RSMo.

Types of discipline to report:

- Denial of a certificate, license, or permit by another state board
- Discipline including censure, probation, suspension, or revocation by another state board
- Enforcement action taken by any federal agency (i.e. PCAOB, SEC, etc.)

I've already reported the discipline, do I need to also include it on my renewal?

Even if you previously reported a disciplinary or enforcement action to the Board, be sure to include it on the renewal application where asked.

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in Board statute and rule. Once issued an active license, an individual may hold themselves out as a CPA and practice public accountancy. With an active license, you must renew biennially, and you must obtain continuing education (40 hours of CPE annually, of which, 2 must be in ethics). If you retire but continue to hold an active CPA license, you must still meet the required continuing education. To retire your license, you must notify the Board office so your license status can be changed to retired. You may also change your status to inactive if you are not planning to practice public accountancy. In this case, no CPE is required.

CPA-Inactive License

With an inactive license, the individual may not practice public accountancy in Missouri. If using the CPA credential, it must be noted as “CPA Inactive”. With an inactive license, a biennial renewal is required. In addition, an individual may apply for reinstatement of an active license from inactive status.

Firm Permit

A permit is required for CPA firms. Permits must be renewed on an annually.

If you have questions about the different types of licenses and how a particular status may affect you or your situation, please don't hesitate to contact our office.



DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

When you provide the Board with your email address, it allows us to provide you with better, more timely communications.

We use email to send out newsletters, notify you of rule or fee changes, and remind you of upcoming deadlines for license and firm permit renewals.

Your email address is not a public record and the Board does not share it with other organizations.

CPAs can update their email address using the Address Change link on the Board's website, <https://pr.mo.gov/accountancy-coa.asp> or by submitting a request by email or mail to the Board.

CPA Exam Performance Summary: 2021 Q-3

Missouri

Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	396
New Candidates	113
Total Sections	550
Passing 4th Section	93
Sections / Candidates	1.39
Pass Rate	62.18%
Average Score	75.25

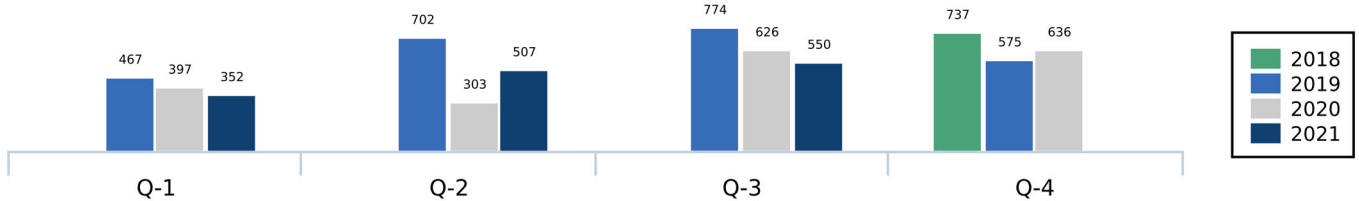
Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	229	76.82	66.38%
Re-Exam	319	74.34	59.56%
AUD	148	74.47	60.81%
BEC	111	81.46	79.28%
FAR	178	71.65	51.69%
REG	113	75.84	63.72%

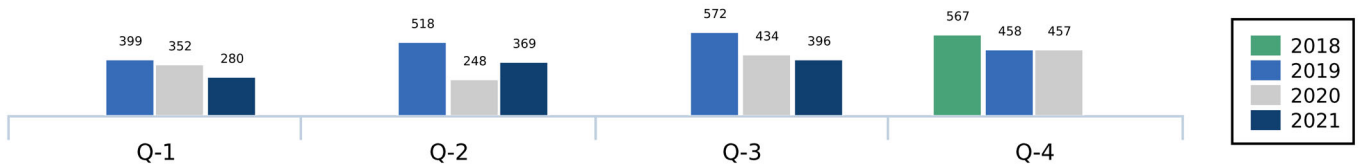
Jurisdiction Ranking

Candidates	Sections
27	25
Pass Rate	Avg Score
4	4

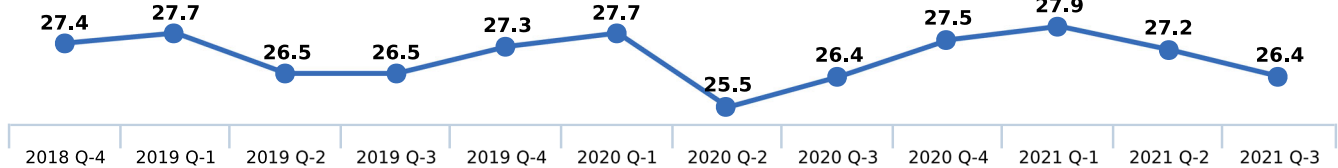
Sections



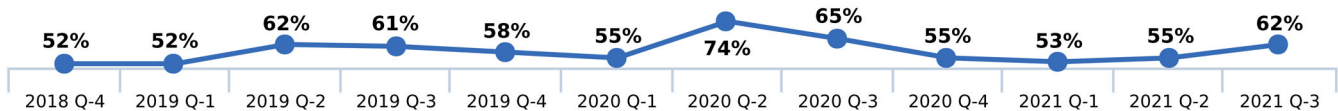
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Average Age



% Pass



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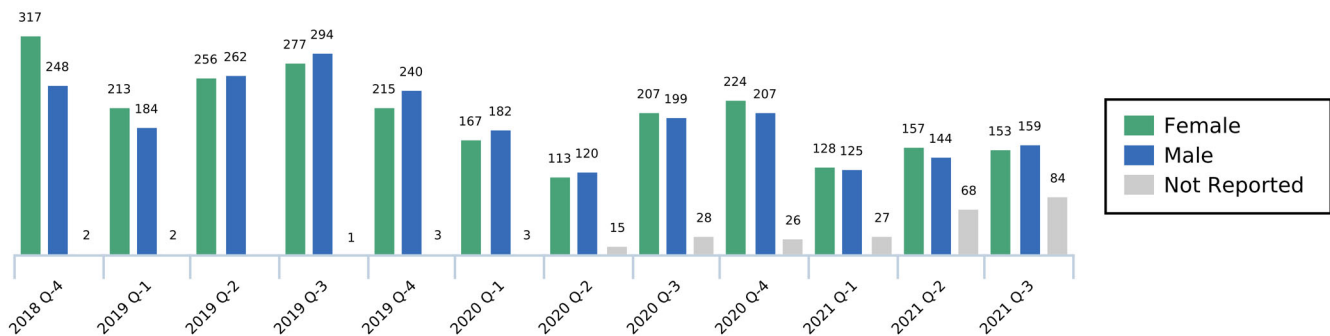
Degree Type

	Candidates	% Total
Bachelor's Degree	247	62.4%
Advanced Degree	135	34.1%
Enrolled / Other	14	3.5%

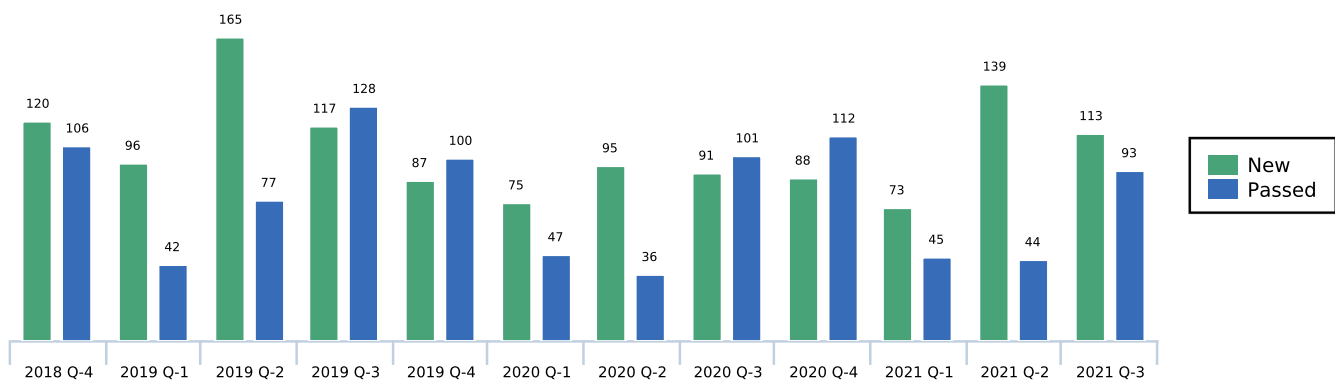
Residency

	Candidates	% Total
In-State Address	334	84.34%
Out-of-State Address	61	15.4%
Foreign Address	1	0.25%

Gender



New Candidates vs Candidates Passing 4th Section



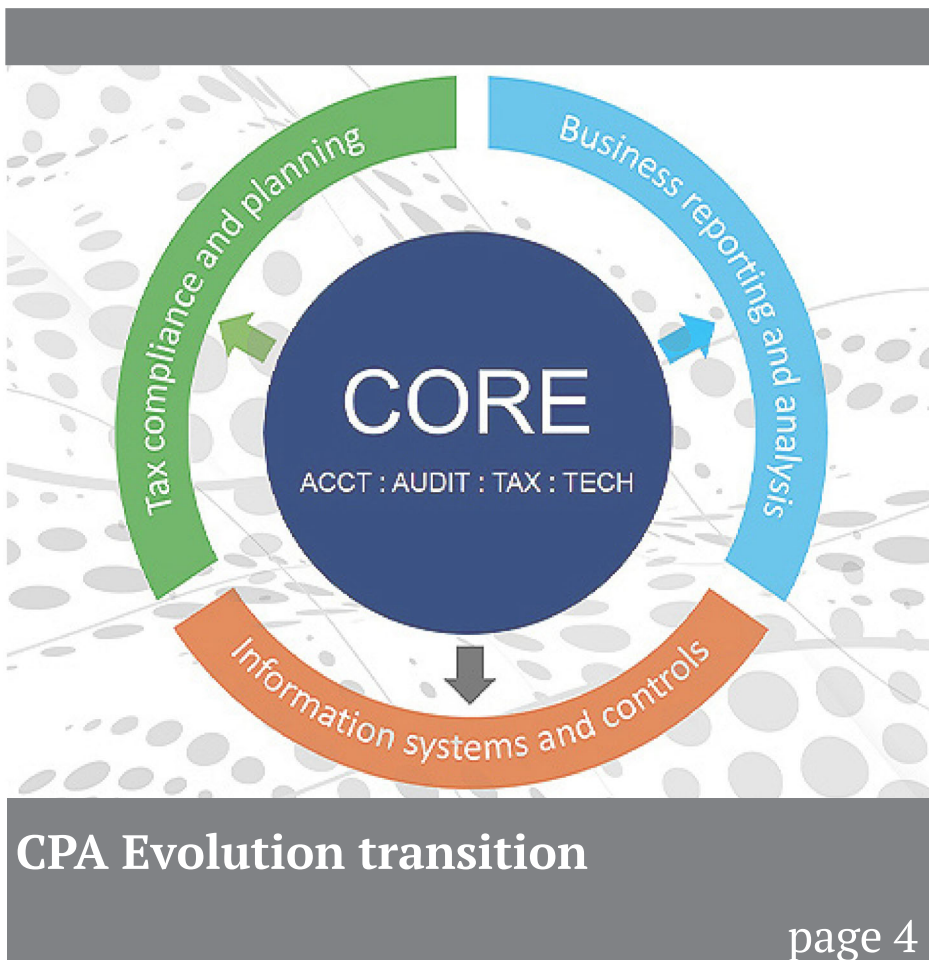
Notes:

1. The data used to develop this report was pulled from NASBA's Gateway System, which houses the Uniform CPA Examination's Application and Performance information for all 55 jurisdictions.
 2. The demographic data related to age, gender, and degree type is provided by the individual candidates and may not be 100% accurate.
 3. Some jurisdictions do not require candidates to report certain demographic data nor complete surveys gathering such data on a voluntary basis.
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Happy New Year!

I am sure this has been true for many - the COVID-19 environment has been exhausting for me and I very much look forward to the pandemic becoming an endemic. Many experts predict that if we just hold on and continue to practice safe habits, we can get there in just a couple of months.

As some of our restrictions have lessened, one that I am very thankful for is the Virginia Governor mandate that state Board meetings are back in person. Although we have been very productive over the past 22 months in conducting business remotely, nothing beats an in-person meeting.

It has been great getting to see my fellow Board members and staff in person again, as well as meeting some members of the public in person. This past November was my favorite Board meeting of the year. Each year, we attempt to have a Virginia college or university host our Board meeting. It is a fantastic opportunity for accounting students, faculty, and the school community at large to see how we conduct business and attend to our strategic priorities for the year. During my tenure, I have had the privilege of attending meetings at Christopher Newport University, George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech.

This year, we were honored to have Radford University host us. It was a great opportunity to interact with students and faculty; I do hope it is a tradition we continue to keep.

The topic of conversation that garnered the most enthusiasm and interest was around CPA Evolution. This initiative is a joint project between NASBA and AICPA to evolve CPA licensure to reflect the current skills and knowledge needed in the current technology-driven marketplace. Starting in 2024, we will see big changes in the CPA exam.

Candidates will continue to take four parts of the exam; three of those will be in core areas - accounting, auditing and tax. However, candidates will get to choose their fourth section - tax compliance and planning, information systems and controls, or business analysis and reporting. Having an exam move to being adaptive and flexible will allow our candidates to be better prepared for the ever-changing workplace.

In a recent survey of public accounting firms, 83% said their hiring of new

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Laurie A. Warwick, CPA
VBOA Chair

From the VBOA Executive Director

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When I tell most people I am a CPA the responses sometimes make me chuckle. “You must be good at math,” or “can you help me with my taxes,” and other similar comments. In reality, I am not any better at math than the average person is and I can do my own taxes, but truly, these days my return is not that complicated.

The bottom line is the stereotypes about CPAs do not reflect the reality of the opportunities, and adventures that a CPA license can provide.

The CPA title means so much more than crunching numbers. CPAs are multi-talented professionals who can be found in almost any field and in top leadership positions.

Earning and maintaining your CPA license can open doors to specialized careers, such as global financial reporting, financial analytics, auditing, tax and financial advisory services, consulting, and information technology just to name a few. There are also other avenues available to you as a CPA, including FBI and CIA agents, forensic accountants, compliance professionals and fraud investigators. CPAs can be successful in almost any organization and in diverse leadership roles.

My first position after earning my CPA license was in healthcare as a financial accountant. I found out quickly that was not the career path for me. I soon found a position in auditing and I realized it was a perfect fit. When I was younger, my family and friends always considered me nosy. I always like to refer to myself as curious, inquisitive, or a student of life. Who knew I could make a successful career with that trait!

My career in auditing quickly evolved into data analytics and fraud investigations. I enjoyed the challenge of finding anomalies and determining what they might indicate. Because of the 3 E’s (education, exam and experience) CPAs are uniquely equipped with the ability to understand financial data of any kind and evaluate the results.

In our current global pandemic what I am about to tell you may not appeal to everyone, but my CPA license provided me the opportunity to travel the world. This was never really a goal of mine. I was a non-traditional student and when I passed the CPA exam, I was married with two children. I was fortunate that my husband was very supportive of my career and we had a great support network. I would be gone on average of at least two weeks at a time and I traveled three or four times a year. Some of my destinations were domestic so I had the opportunity to visit many different parts of the United States.



Nancy Glynn, CPA
VBOA Executive Director

Renew CPA license starting March 1

Starting March 1, 2022, CPA licenses can be renewed. All licenses must be renewed annually. This includes Active and Inactive individual licenses and Active firm licenses.

CPA licenses can be renewed on the Virginia Board of Accountancy website from March 1 through June 30 by [logging into the online account](#). The expiration date to renew is June 30.

The renewal fee is \$60 for individuals (Active and Inactive status) and \$75 for firms. An additional processing fee of \$25 will be added if renewing by check.

The annual license renewal process looks a little different, compared to past years. When individual CPAs and CPA firms renew online, each licensee had to certify a number of items before continuing. The certification questions were the same as in previous years but now licensees and firms have to certify them individually instead of altogether in one group. Licensees are expected to answer all questions honestly and ethically.

Certifications for individual Active CPAs include complying with licensing requirements, continuing professional education (CPE), criminal information, and agreeing to abide with current VBOA laws and regulations, just to name a few.

If CPAs indicate they did not complete CPE requirements, they are considered a self-report for a CPE deficiency. All self-reports go into the CPE Audit process and licensees are contacted by the VBOA regarding next steps.

Inactive CPAs have many of the same certifications,

other than CPE compliance. However, they must also certify they are not providing relevant accounting services to others in order to remain eligible for the Inactive status.

The VBOA will send reminder notices to licensees and firms leading up to the renewal deadline through email, mail and phone, as needed. CPAs also have the option to receive renewal reminders through text messaging. If a CPA would like to receive text message reminders on their phone, login to the online account, and update the Demographics page to include this option.

It is the responsibility of the licensee or firm to renew their license, regardless of if they receive a reminder notice for renewal from the VBOA.

Unrenewed licenses will automatically go into Expired status on July 1, the day after the renewal is due. Once the license goes into Expired status, it will be the responsibility of the licensee or firm to reinstate the license.

There is no grace period for renewals.

The individual reinstatement fee is \$350 and the firm reinstatement fee is \$500.

Any questions regarding license renewals should be sent to the VBOA at boa@boa.virginia.gov.

LOGIN TO RENEW INDIVIDUAL LICENSE

LOGIN TO RENEW A FIRM CPA LICENSE

Newly licensed CPAs and firms

The Virginia Board of Accountancy publishes a listing of all new Virginia individual and firm licenses every six months online.

View the latest CPAs from July to December 2021 on the [VBOA website](#) and look back at those who have earned their license since 2011.

CPA Evolution transition

CPA Evolution is a topic that is being discussed and considered by many as we prepare for the launch of the revised CPA exam in January 2024.

CPA Evolution is a combined National Association of State Boards of Accountancy-American Institute of CPAs initiative aimed at evolving CPA licensure to reflect the skills and knowledge CPAs increasingly need in a technology-driven marketplace. The overall knowledge gained on the new exam will reflect the reality of practice and enhance public protection.




The new model of the CPA exam is a core plus discipline model. The core knowledge represents the accounting, auditing, tax, and technology skills and competencies that every newly licensed CPA needs to protect the public, while the disciplines will assess greater knowledge and skill in the exam candidate's area of focus.

The exam will remain 16 hours in length and exam candidates will be required to pass four sections; three core and one discipline. Exam candidates will choose a discipline section: business analysis and reporting (BAR), information systems and controls (ISC), or tax compliance and planning (TCP). Multiple discipline sections can be taken until the exam candidate passes one of the discipline sections.

It will be helpful for candidates to have experience through an internship combined with knowledge from courses to select a discipline. However, the VBOA remains consistent with other state boards and does not anticipate requiring experience to sit for a specific discipline.

Important to note is that the disciplines do not create licensure specializations. Those passing the CPA exam and meeting the state's additional requirements for licensure will be a CPA and can practice in any area of the profession as long as he or she is competent in the particular area.

Recently, NASBA and the AICPA conducted a survey through which they asked students interested in taking the CPA exam what discipline they would choose.

ISC	BAR	TCP
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business processes• Information systems• Information security and governance• IT audits• System and Organization Control (SOC) engagements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data analytics• Financial risk management and planning techniques• More advanced technical accounting and reporting• State and local government accounting (basis of accounting, purpose of funds addressed in Core)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More advanced individual tax compliance and planning• Personal financial planning• More advanced entity tax compliance and planning• Property transactions

The following content may appear in each discipline of the new CPA exam model.

Out of 243 responses, 54% said BAR, 24% ISC and 22% TCP.

There has been so much work already completed even before the exam launches. The model curriculum was released and updated in 2021, the exam blueprint will be distributed for public comment in July 2022, then the exam blueprint will be finalized in January 2023 and a year later, the exam will launch.

MODEL CURRICULUM

As of November 2021, the AICPA and NASBA released the updated CPA Evolution Model Curriculum, which was initially released in summer 2021. The goal of the curriculum is to aid faculty as they seek to transition programs to reflect the new core plus discipline CPA licensure model.

Subject-matter experts from academia and practice worked to develop this resource, which was designed to prepare students and faculty on the new CPA exam. There was representation from large and small universities and colleges; CPAs in large firms, small firms, and business and industry; state boards of accountancy; and members of the CPA exam team. VBOA Educator member, Nadia Rogers, CPA, served as co-chair of the ISC Task Force.

The model curriculum included modules, topics and learning objectives in illustrative accounting program structures.

Since the initial launch, the model curriculum was

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VBOA-approved ethics course requirement

Beginning Feb. 1, individual CPAs will have the option to complete the 2022 ethics requirement. All licensees (excluding those approved for the Inactive status) must complete a VBOA-approved ethics course annually that complies with VBOA regulation [18VAC5-22-90](#). The ethics course must be at least two hours.

Similar to 2021, there will be variety of ethics courses and topics available for CPAs to take. Each ethics course and provider is pre-approved by the Virginia Board of Accountancy before being available to CPAs.

CPAs will find providers and courses approved thus far on the VBOA website. The online listing will change throughout the year once new courses are approved.

All approved courses must include the official VBOA Segment video before provider-crafted content. The VBOA Segment is approximately 13 minutes for 2022 and includes pertinent information regarding the license renewal process, CPE reciprocity and CPE reporting periods, and Inactive status guidelines. Provider-crafted content must amount to at least 90 minutes. As a reminder, 50 minutes of a course equates to 1 hour of CPE credit.

Providers creating multiple courses must have each course approved by the VBOA before providing to CPAs. The application to apply is on the VBOA website.

APPLY NOW TO BECOME AN ETHICS PROVIDER

The underlying theme of each course submitted must focus on ethics.

Some examples of course topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Regulatory ethics
- Professional conduct and ethics
- Ethics in the real world
- Ethics in tax practice
- Behavioral ethics
- Governmental ethics
- Ethics of industry professionals/CPAs

Please note: The VBOA does not require Virginia licensees to gain CPE from NASBA-approved providers; however, we encourage all providers to follow and be aware of NASBA CPE provider standards.

The VBOA has a helpful [frequently asked questions](#) related to creating and obtaining a VBOA-approved ethics course for 2022. For those interested, the VBOA encourages providers to review these before creating a course.

CPA Evolution transition, *continued*

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downloaded more than 3,500 times. Several surveys of faculty and firms were conducted and some of the findings included:

- 83% of firms surveyed with 11 or more CPAs said that if university accounting programs were aligned with CPA Evolution, the hiring of new graduates from accounting programs would likely increase, accounting program graduates would be considered more valuable than they are today, or both.
- 79% of faculty surveyed agreed that the CPA Evolution Model Curriculum aids accounting

programs in understanding and meeting the evolving needs of practice.

- 87% of faculty surveyed listed the CPA Evolution Model Curriculum as one of the most helpful resources in updating their curricula.

Currently, Virginia colleges and universities are considering the information provided in the CPA Evolution Model Curriculum to determine whether changes to curricula are necessary to prepare students for success on the revised CPA exam format.

From the VBOA Chair, *continued*

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graduates from accounting programs would likely increase, as accounting program graduates would be considered even more valuable than they are today. This is such good news for students and for businesses. These changes are impactful to the upcoming graduates in making their credentials more relevant and further increasing their job security.

As these changes continue to roll out over the next couple of years, I ask you to be a steward of the profession and continue to encourage students to major in accounting. Many students are unaware of these changes so help spread the good news!

Until next time.

From the VBOA Executive Director, *continued*

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However, I also traveled internationally. My first fraud investigation was in northern Italy. I had a breath taking view as I uncovered payroll fraud. I also traveled to Mexico to determine if there was an invoicing fraud in a maquiladora and to northern Poland in the coldest month of the year to validate inventory.

Some of my travels were in comfort; especially when I worked for a Fortune 500 company. But then I moved to an international non-profit and the accommodations became a little less luxurious, to say the least.

Overall, I have visited more than 40 countries, including Russia, China, Brazil, Australia and Mozambique. I had wonderful and unique experiences meeting and getting to know people all over the world.

This was not what I had imagined when I started this journey. I thought I would end up in tax but earning and maintaining my CPA license opened so many doors for me.

As the world changes, career paths for CPAs continue to emerge and the CPA Evolution initiative is transforming the CPA licensure model to recognize the rapidly changing skills and competencies CPAs

need today and in the future.

Today's CPAs need a diverse toolbox of skills no matter what career they choose. CPAs must have the ability to utilize the latest technology to analyze financial data to help their organizations or clients thrive.

I believe the career opportunities for technology-savvy CPAs will be endless. Employers and clients are looking for talented individuals who can master technology as a way to improve operations and efficiency. CPAs are thriving in the information management, security and technology assurance, and of course, big data analytics fields.

It should not surprise anyone that in the height of the pandemic many states categorized CPAs as essential workers. Industries and clients relied on their CPAs to produce, analyze and interpret financial data to understand where the organization stood and where it might be headed during this volatile time.

At times being a CPA is like being a superhero, like superman. Everyone expects you to act like Clarke Kent but in times of critical decision-making or crisis you might put on your green visor and pocket protector to save the day!

DID YOU KNOW?

The VBOA's newsletter, *Accrued Interest*, is published twice a year for licensees, firms and exam candidates.

Board member named distinguished fellow at Virginia Tech

Virginia Board of Accountancy Educator member Nadia Rogers, CPA, was recently named Robert M. Brown Faculty Fellow by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. Rogers is a professor of practice in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech and has been a VBOA Board member since 2019.

The Robert M. Brown Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 2017 to recognize teaching and research excellence. Rogers will hold the title of Robert M. Brown Faculty Fellow for three years.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Rogers is the Director of the Master of Accounting and Information Systems (MACIS) Program. Before joining Virginia Tech as an educator, she was in public practice for more than a decade as a senior

audit manager for KPMG and as partner in a regional firm.

She is heavily involved with CPA Evolution and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy as a member of the national Education Committee.

Rogers also serves as the liaison with VBOA's Peer Review Oversight Committee, a committee she chaired before joining the Board.



Nadia Rogers, CPA

VBOA office is closed the following Commonwealth of Virginia holidays in 2022:

- Presidents Day: Monday, Feb. 21
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 30
- Juneteenth: Monday, June 20
- Independence Day: Monday, July 4
- Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 5
- Columbus Day: Monday, Oct. 10
- Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 8
- Veterans Day: Friday, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25
- Christmas: Monday, Dec. 26

DID YOU KNOW?

The mission of the VBOA is to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth through a regulatory program of licensure and compliance of CPAs and CPA firms.

VBOA holds meeting at Radford University

After taking a year off due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Virginia Board of Accountancy traveled to Radford University on Nov. 30, to hold the 2021 campus Board meeting.

In-person Board meetings resumed in summer 2021 and Board and staff members were eager to get back in front of accounting students.

The topic of most interest to students and faculty attending the meeting was the CPA Evolution Initiative. Board member Nadia Rogers, CPA, explained CPA Evolution and the resulting changes to the CPA exam, as well as steps taken by the profession and academia to prepare for these changes.

A number of students, faculty, VBOA staff and Board members gathered at Kyle Hall in the Davis College of Business and Economics. The day long meeting included an opportunity for students to ask questions, network, and talk with Board members.

The Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Joy Bhadury, along with the Chair of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Business Law, Dr. Doug Brinckman, welcomed the VBOA to campus.

With the exception of 2020, the VBOA has held one Board meeting on a college campus each year since 2010.

The Board has traveled throughout every part of Virginia to include visits to Radford, Virginia Commonwealth University, George Mason University, Old Dominion University, Virginia State University, University of Richmond, Longwood University, James Madison University, William & Mary, Christopher Newport University and Virginia Tech.

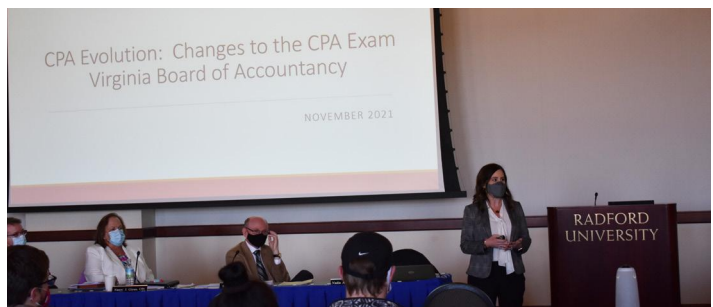
These meetings educate and inform future Virginia CPAs on the responsibilities and workings of the VBOA while Board members have the opportunity to interact with accounting students and faculty members firsthand.



VBOA Board members and Executive Director Nancy Glynn, CPA, during the Board meeting.



Dr. Joy Bhadury, Dean of the College of Business and Economics, welcomes the VBOA and RU students.



Nadia Rogers, CPA, presents updates on CPA Evolution to students and faculty.

CPA exam summary: 2021 Q-3

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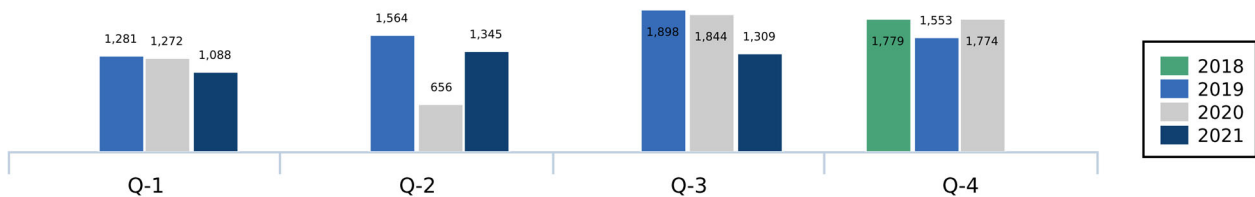
Overall Performance

Unique Candidates	975
New Candidates	233
Total Sections	1,309
Passing 4th Section	162
Sections / Candidates	1.34
Pass Rate	55.69%
Average Score	73.51

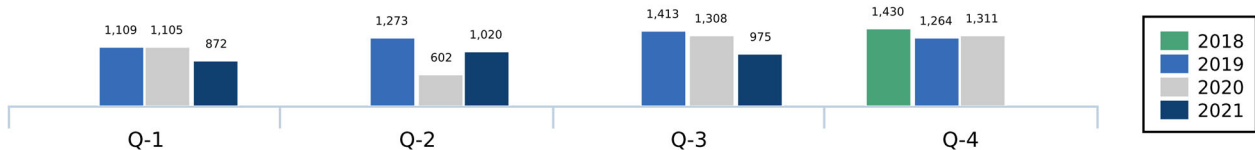
Section Performance

	Sections	Score	% Pass
First-Time	438	75.86	67.12%
Re-Exam	865	72.43	50.17%
AUD	350	72.67	48.86%
BEC	243	77.28	66.26%
FAR	424	71.73	54.01%
REG	292	73.96	57.53%

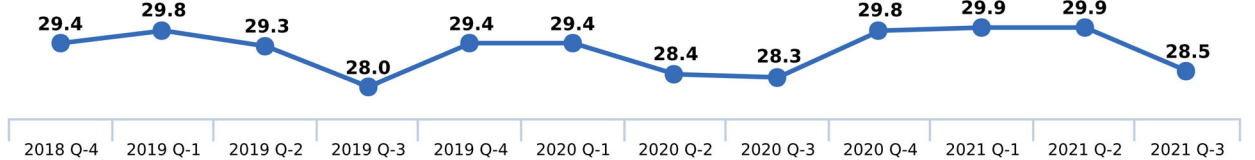
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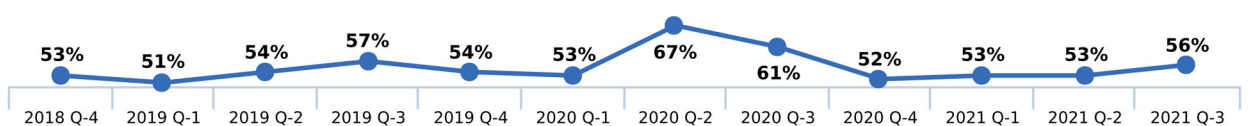
Number of Candidates



Average Age



Overall % Pass vs. First-time



VBOA news

ADA testing accommodations

Many people who have contracted COVID-19 continue to experience symptoms lasting months after the initial infection. This condition is being referred to as “Long COVID.”

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section have issued joint guidance on [“Long COVID” as a disability under the ADA](#). The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services has also issued [guidance on “Long COVID.”](#)

Following the federal guidance, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy will consider “Long COVID” as a disability for testing accommodations for the requests they process on behalf of CPA exam jurisdictions. NASBA aims to provide resources to non-CPA exam jurisdictions for their use in consideration of testing accommodation requests involving “Long COVID” conditions.

Each non-CPA exam jurisdiction must make their own final determination. However, “Long COVID” can be considered a disability where the condition substantially limits one or more major life activity under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and under Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

As such, testing accommodations should be extended to applicants who indicate through their request that “Long COVID” substantially limits one or more major life activity. “Long COVID” may not be a permanent disability. Therefore, each request for a testing accommodation indicating “Long COVID” must be analyzed independently to determine whether a major life activity has been substantially limited by the condition at the time of the requested individual test section.

- From the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy

For comments or suggestions about the newsletter, contact Kelli Anderson, VBOA Communications Manager, at (804) 367-1586 or at kelli.anderson@boa.virginia.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can now receive text messages reminding you to renew your CPA license by June 30. If a CPA would like to receive text message reminders on their phone, login to your [online account](#), and update the Demographics page to include this option.

VBOA news

CPA exam score release dates 2022

CPA exam scores are released on a rolling basis throughout the year. The score release dates show when exam candidates can expect to receive the score after sitting for a section.

The target score release date represents when the American Institute of CPAs will send the scores to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

CPA exam scoring is treated with a high level of importance, due diligence and attention to accuracy. Responses to questions go through multiple quality assurance reviews to ensure scoring accuracy. For most candidates, Prometric sends exam data files to the AICPA within 24 hours after testing is complete.

The AICPA announces the score release dates for the first half of a new year in December of the previous year and the second half by June of that year.

If you take the exam on/before:	Your target score release date is:
January 23	February 8
February 14	February 23
March 9	March 17
March 31	April 12
April 23	May 10
May 16	May 24
June 8	June 16
June 30	July 12

Exam permanently expands to Korea and Japan

The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy continues to support the pathway to CPA licensure. They are extending administration of the CPE exam in the Republic of Korea and Japan on a permanent basis to all eligible candidates beginning in 2022.

Qualified candidates may schedule to take any U.S. CPA exam section in Japan or the Republic of Korea. CPA candidates may also schedule their exam sections at the Guam Prometric Test Center as it remains open and available for testing.

To test in Japan or the Republic of Korea, candidates must be an eligible CPA exam candidate with valid citizenship or long-term residency in one of the following countries, territories and areas:

- China
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Macau
- Mongolia
- Republic of Korea
- Republic of Singapore
- Republic of the Philippines
- Taiwan
- United States of America

DID YOU KNOW?

All VBOA Board meetings are open to the public. The Board Chair will generally ask all members of the public to introduce themselves at the beginning of each meeting and will provide each person a five-minute comment period.

VBOA disciplinary actions

July to December 2021

Policy notice

It is the policy of the Virginia Board of Accountancy to publish the information of licensees against whom the VBOA has taken disciplinary action resulting in suspensions and revocations and for other professional violations. The VBOA publishes information of licensees found to be deficient in CPE credit hours in the event of a previous CPE deficiency or previous professional violation, or a disciplinary action resulting in suspension. The VBOA also publishes information of unlicensed individuals and firms against whom the VBOA has taken a disciplinary action.

Monetary penalties are deposited into the Commonwealth's Literary Fund and are not available for use by the VBOA.

VBOA disciplinary actions since 2011 are listed by name in alphabetical order on our website at <https://boa.virginia.gov/enforcement/disciplinary-actions>. Contact the VBOA for actions prior to 2011, or if additional information or documentation is needed.

Dennis A. Bailey | License #4354 | Charlottesville, VA | 11/30/21

Due professional care

[§ 54.1-4413.3 \(1\)\(2\)\(3\)\(4\) and \(7\)](#)

Consent Order

Bailey violated the Code of Virginia by not filing a fourth quarter IRS form in a timely manner and did not properly address all IRS penalties resulting from the action.

Based on these violations, Bailey was reprimanded, and ordered to pay a \$5,000 monetary penalty, and comply with all terms and conditions of the Order prior to the consideration of any and all applications for CPA licensure or renewal of CPA licensure in Virginia.

Timothy B. Boitnott | License #16517 | Cloverdale, VA | 10/13/21

Due professional care

[§ 54.1-4413.3 \(4\)\(5\) and \(6\)](#)

Consent Order

Timothy B. Boitnott violated the Code of Virginia by failing to adequately disclose investments and subsequent events in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and not complying with the audit documentation and evidence standards in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

Based on these violations, Boitnott was reprimanded, ordered to pay a \$7,500 monetary penalty, and comply with all terms and conditions of the Order prior to the consideration of any and all applications for CPA licensure or renewal of CPA licensure in Virginia.

VBOA disciplinary actions

July to December 2021

John Ramon Gramstad | License #47070 | McKinney, TX | 09/30/21

Due professional care

[§ 54.1-4413.3](#) and [§ 54.1-4425](#)

Consent Order

John Ramon Gramstad violated the Code of Virginia when he failed to return financial records to his client in a timely manner and when he failed to disclose that he had been disciplined by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy in 2020.

Among the terms and conditions of the Order, Gramstad agreed to be reprimanded and pay a monetary penalty of \$750.

Clarence Edward Harris Jr. | License #39762 | Chesapeake, VA | 11/30/21

Due professional care

[§ 54.1-4412](#)

Final Order

Clarence Edward Harris Jr. was the principal licensee of record for the firm, Turner Group LLC, and the firm offered, advertised, and/or performed services restricted to licensed CPA firms while not possessing a Virginia issued CPA firm license.

Based on these violations, Harris was reprimanded.

R.K. Hudson, PLLC | License # 132968 | Fairfax, VA | 12/06/21

Due professional care

[18VAC5-22-150](#); [18VAC5-22-170](#); [18VAC-22-90](#)

Final Order

R.K. Hudson, PLLC, violated the Code of Virginia when they failed to comply with all components of a practice-monitoring program and failing to notify the VBOA within 30 calendar days that it was disciplined by the Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants.

R.K. Hudson, PLLC, further violated the Code of Virginia when it failed to maintain 120 CPE hours for the reporting period of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Based on these violations R.K. Hudson, PLLC was reprimanded. The firm will also be subject to a compliance review for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. It shall submit to the VBOA, within 30 days of receipt, a Completion Letter issued by the independent peer reviewer who completed the peer review. If the peer reviewer has not issued the letter on or before May 31, 2022, a written explanation shall be submitted with 14 days to explain the delay. R.K. Hudson, PLLC, must comply with all terms and conditions of the Order and to come before the Board, prior to the consideration of any and all applications for CPA licensure in Virginia.

VBOA disciplinary actions

July to December 2021

George William Jordan | License #29471 | Leesburg, VA | 09/30/21

Acts discreditable

[§ 54.1-4413.3 \(1\)\(2\)\(3\)\(4\) and \(7\)](#)

Final Order

George William Jordan violated the Code of Virginia when he submitted falsified documentation of his CPE compliance to the VBOA.

Among the terms and conditions of the Order, the Board revoked Jordan's individual CPA license. Jordan is prohibited from petitioning the Board for reinstatement of his license for a minimum of five years.

David Neil Kossler | License # 18155 | Herndon, VA | 12/06/21

Unlicensed activity

[§ 54.1-4414; 18VAC5-22-170; 18VAC5-22-90](#)

Final Order

Kossler violated the Code of Virginia by using the title of CPA when he did not possess a Virginia issued CPA license. He also violated the Code of Virginia when he failed to respond to a VBOA communication within 30 calendar days and failed to maintain a minimum of 20 CPE hours for calendar years 2016 and 2017.

Based on these violations, Kossler was ordered to pay a \$5,500 monetary penalty, ordered to remove or cause to be removed, all remaining signage with the CPA title, and comply with all terms and conditions of the Order, and to come before the Board, prior to the consideration of any and all applications for CPA licensure in Virginia.

Kossler and Company, PLLC | License # 134220 | Herndon, VA | 12/06/21

Unlicensed activity

[§ 54.1-4412.1; 18VAC5-22-170](#)

Final Order

Kossler and Company, PLLC, violated the Code of Virginia by offering, advertising, and/or providing services restricted to licensed CPA firms while not in possession of a Virginia issued CPA firm license.

Kossler and Company, PLLC also violated the Code of Virginia when they failed to respond to a VBOA communication within 30 calendar days.

Based on these violations, Kossler and Company, PLLC was ordered to pay a \$5,250 monetary penalty, ordered to remove or cause to be removed, all remaining signage with the CPA title, comply with all terms and conditions of the Order, and to come before the Board prior to the consideration of any and all applications for CPA licensure in Virginia.

VBOA disciplinary actions

July to December 2021

Joseph E. Schaben | License #20977 | Cloverdale, VA | 09/30/21

Due professional care

[§ 54.1-4413.3 \(4\)\(5\) and \(6\)](#)

Consent Order

Joseph E. Schaben violated the Code of Virginia when he failed to comply with disclosure requirements and audit documentation and evidence standards in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards.

Among the terms and conditions of the Order, Schaben agreed to be reprimanded and pay a monetary penalty of \$5,000.

Jared Ulysses Turner | Unlicensed | Draper, UT | 11/30/21

Unlicensed activity

[§ 54.1-4414 \(i\)\(4\)](#)

Consent Order

Jared Ulysses Turner violated the Code of Virginia when he did not hold a Virginia CPA license or meet the requirements to use the CPA title in Virginia under the substantial equivalency provisions of Code of Virginia § 54.1-4411. Turner used the CPA title on his LinkedIn profile.

Based on these violations Turner was reprimanded, ordered to pay a \$250 monetary penalty, and comply with all terms and conditions of the Order, and to come before the Board prior to the consideration of any and all applications for CPA licensure in Virginia.

Richard Herbert Wildes, Jr. | License #11464 | Midlothian, VA | 09/30/21

Due professional care

[§ 54.1-4413.3 \(1\)\(2\)\(3\) and \(4\)](#)

Final Order

Richard Herbert Wildes, Jr. violated the Code of Virginia when he failed to perform tax preparation services for which he was engaged in a timely manner and by not responding to his client in a timely manner regarding the status of the client's tax returns. Wildes also failed to respond to a request for information from the VBOA within 30 calendar days.

Among the terms and conditions of the Order, the Board reprimanded Wildes and assessed him monetary penalties totaling \$1,000.

CPE deficiencies

The following CPAs violated VBOA regulation [18VAC5-22-90](#) by failing to meet the CPE requirements for a previous three-year reporting period. These disciplinary actions resulted in a one year suspension of the CPA license, monetary penalties and other reprimands.

- **Mohammad Himas Hazam** | License #40538 | Falls Church, VA | 10/12/21
- **David Claude Warlick** | License #15813 | Decatur, GA | 11/2/21
- **Ge Wu** | License #36949 | New York, NY | 11/30/21

Until next time...



Upcoming 2022 Board meetings

MARCH	MAY	JUNE
16	25	23

Visit the [website](#) for more information, such as the agenda for upcoming meetings.

Board meetings are open to the public and held at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Va. 23233, second floor conference center, unless otherwise noted.



Update contact information

Keep the VBOA up to date on any address, email, phone number or name change.

Licensees and exam candidates are required to notify the VBOA, in writing, within 30 days of any change to their contact information.

Licensees

Update address, phone number and/or email address by [logging into the VBOA website](#). A name change is only submitted with a [Change of Contact Information Form](#).

Exam candidates

Submit a [Change of Contact Information Form](#) to update name, address, phone number and/or email address. Address changes only can be emailed to boa@boa.virginia.gov.



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Oklahoma Accountancy Board

BULLETIN



Winter 2022

Another Year is in the Books!

I've been reflecting on where we have been this past year and the impact it has on all of us. The pandemic brought forth many changes and we continue to navigate these new "norms," however, we must remain focused on our profession and the responsibilities of a licensed professional. That stated, the Board received several inquiries during the year and I wanted to address the most common ones:

- » "I didn't know that was a rule." All Oklahoma PAs and CPAs are required to comply with the Oklahoma Accountancy Act and Administrative Code. It is your responsibility to know and follow these guidelines. If it's been awhile since you have reviewed our rules and law, please take a moment to look over this information on our homepage at www.ok.gov/oab, under "About the Board."
- » "Why do I have to follow guidelines my colleagues don't?" If they are not a Certified Public Accountant, then they are not subject to the same rules as you, the CPA. Employers, the public, and our profession expect persons with the CPA designation to be held to a higher standard. Thus, different rules govern our profession.
- » "Why do I have to do CPE?" When we get our certificates, we are told that the CPA profession requires a life-long commitment to learning. Continuing professional education is how we stay abreast of industry news. More importantly, you have an ethical and professional obligation to those you serve to earn sufficient continuing professional education annually to maintain your professional competency as a CPA.

And on a final note, as most of you have discovered, we implemented a new licensing system in 2021. For those that just completed a renewal, this was the end of our first year using the Thentia system. I wrote about this before, but for us to start from scratch and four months later implement a system was incredible. We continue to work to upgrade the system and we expect great things in 2022!



Good tidings to 2021 and welcome 2022!

Randy Ross

Randall A. Ross, CPA
Executive Director

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Board Vice Chair, David Greenwell, CPA, addresses the New CPAs



Jim Taylor, CPA, presents CPA certificate to Ochanya Ocheola-Oki



OSCPA Chair, Sharon Haley, CPA, Presents a Silver Medal Award to Marisa Burke

Fall 2021 New CPA Recognition Ceremony

The Board was excited to host our first in-person ceremony since the onset of the pandemic! On November 13, 2021, OAB staff and several Board members convened at the Oklahoma City Community College Visual and Performing Arts Center to recognize Oklahoma's newest CPAs. Board Vice Chair, David Greenwell, CPA, addressed attendees, emphasizing the important nature of the accounting profession. Board Member, Jim Taylor, CPA, led the new CPAs in reciting the Oklahoma Accountants' Pledge. As family and friends looked on, 43 new CPAs were presented with their Oklahoma CPA certificates.

OSCPA Chair, Sharon Haley, CPA, recognized the following individuals for achieving the highest exam scores in their respective windows:

Silver Medal Award

Matthew Conrad Krehbiel
Marisa Dawn Burke

Congratulations to our newest CPAs and the OSCPAA award winners, and thank you to the many friends and families who helped make the day memorable! ★

SAVE THE DATE

Firm Registration Begins May 1st
and ends June 30th.

The Board will mail registration reminders
the first week in May.



CPE: RETIRED AND INACTIVE OPTIONS

If you are currently unemployed, not performing any type of accounting-related work, or are retired from ALL forms of compensated employment, you may be eligible for one of the options listed below.

Please note: Registrants may not possess an active Permit to Practice while claiming any of these options.

OPTION 1

ACTIVE CPA CERTIFICATE WITH AN INACTIVE CPE EXEMPTION

- Exempt from CPE reporting
- Continue to complete yearly registration and pay applicable fees
- CPA Status will reflect "Active" in our system
- Cannot be currently employed, or may be employed but in a non-accounting related role (ex. Walmart Greeter)

OPTION 2

ACTIVE CPA CERTIFICATE WITH A RETIRED CPE EXEMPTION

- Exempt from CPE reporting
- Continue to complete yearly registration and pay applicable fees
- CPA Status will reflect "Active" in our system
- Must be retired from all forms of compensated employment

OPTION 3

RETIRED CPA CERTIFICATE (AKA FULL RETIRED STATUS)

- Exempt from CPE reporting
- Does not complete yearly registrations or pay applicable fees
- CPA status will reflect "Retired" in our system
- Must be retired from all forms of compensated employment

The OAB does not offer an "Inactive" CPA certificate status. Registrants may request to cancel their certificate in good standing as an alternative. While claiming any of these options, registrants must denote "retired" or "inactive" following "CPA" on any correspondence.

For more information, please contact the OAB at: okaccybd@oab.Ok.Gov.

Accounting Hall of Fame, Sandra Siegfried, CPA



Sandra Siegfried

The OSCP named Sandra “Sandy” Siegfried, CPA, its 63rd inductee into the Accounting Hall of Fame.

Siegfried was honored during the OSCP’s Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon, which was held in conjunction with the 2021 Annual Members Meeting on September 17.

Each year, the OSCP selects one individual to join its most elite group of Oklahoma CPAs who have set a new standard for the profession through their successes.

Siegfried’s CPA journey began at Oklahoma State University (OSU), where she fell in love with accounting and her college sweetheart, Kerry. Sandy and Kerry were married the summer of her senior year before completing her accounting degree at the University of Tulsa.

The Tulsa native earned her CPA certification in 1976. Since then, her dedication to the accounting profession has left a permanent and positive imprint.

Siegfried started her career with Amaco. Wanting a greater challenge, she decided to pursue a career in public accounting

at Tulsa’s Stanfield + O’Dell. She quickly discovered a love for tax and consulting, especially for nonprofits, and would develop a long and impressive career with the Firm.

Siegfried served as chair of the OSCP Board of Directors from 2002-2003. During her OSCP membership, she has volunteered her time supporting many of the OSCP’s committees and Educational Foundation. She also currently serves on the Oklahoma Accountancy Board.

Further proving her commitment to the profession, Siegfried was honored as OSU’s 2021 Distinguished Friend of the School of Accounting, which recognizes individuals who have provided significant support and service to the school. She has an immense pride for OSU and continues to dress in orange and attend the school’s football games with her family.

Now retired, Siegfried spends time with her two daughters and four grandchildren at OSU games and the lake.

Siegfried was chosen to join the Accounting Hall of Fame by three prior recipients of the honor. She was chosen based on a culmination of her roles and activities with the OSCP, AICPA, Oklahoma Accountancy Board, her professional attainments and public welfare activities. (OSCP, September 23, 2021) ★

Ross and Ley Receive Honors

The Oklahoma Accountancy Board is extremely proud of its Executive Director Randall A. Ross, CPA for being honored by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for his leadership and efforts to advance the accounting profession. Representatives from 54 U.S. jurisdictions attended NASBA’s 114th Annual Meeting where Mr. Ross

was named the 2021 recipient of the Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award. This prestigious award recognizes a current state board executive or administrator that has shown outstanding service to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation on local and national fronts. Mr. Ross also served from 2017-2018 as the chair of NASBA’s Executive Directors Committee and as liaison to the NASBA Board of Directors. Mr. Ross is a former member of NASBA’s CBT Administration, Enforcement Resources, Executive Directors and Peer Review Compliance Committees, as well as the Joint ALD/ERC Subcommittee. Currently, Mr. Ross serves as a member of NASBA’s Legislative Support Committee.



Randy Ross



Barbara Ley

Congratulations Barbara A. Ley, CPA, and former member of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, for being recognized on November 3, 2021, as a leader in the accounting profession by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), during its 114th Annual Meeting. Representatives from 54 U.S. jurisdiction were on hand to watch Ms. Ley win NASBA’s prestigious Distinguished Service Award, which honors individuals who have demonstrated an unswerving commitment and dedication to enhancing the mission of NASBA. Ley is a former chair of the CPA Examination Review Board (2016- 2017), a former Southwest Region representative on NASBA’s Nominating Committee, and a former member of NASBA’s CPA Licensing Examinations and Education Committees. In addition, she is a former chair, vice chair, secretary and member of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, and a former president, treasurer, secretary, and member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants. ★

Mark Your Calendars!

2022 Board Meetings					
All Board meetings are held at the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, 201 NW 63rd Street, Suite 210, Oklahoma City, unless otherwise noted.					
January	21	Cancelled	July	15	
February	18		August	19	
March	18		September	16	Offsite Meeting
April	22		October	21	
May	20		November	18	
May	21	Spring New CPA Recognition Ceremony	November	19	Fall New CPA Recognition Ceremony
June	17		December	16	

State of Oklahoma Holidays 2022		
Friday	December 31, 2021	New Year's Day
Monday	January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday	February 21, 2022	Presidents' Day
Monday	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Monday	July 4, 2022	Independence Day
Monday	September 5, 2022	Labor Day
Friday	November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
Thursday & Friday	November 24 & 25, 2022	Thanksgiving
Monday & Tuesday	December 26 & 27, 2022	Christmas

Enforcement Actions

A complete list of OAB Enforcement Actions finalized between January 2021 - December 2021 is published on the OAB's website. The document can be found by clicking here:

[January 2021 - December 2021 Enforcement Actions](#) ★

2021 NEW CPAS

Natnael Abebe	Emily Dillard	Dominic Himich	Eric McKinney	April Sitton
Ghadi Al Rashaideh	Cassandra Divelbiss	Jeremy Hladik	Jefferson McKnight	Mason Sixsmith
Sabrina Allgood	Samantha Doberenz	Andrew Hood	Joseph McNamara	Kyler Skelton
Landen Anderson	Rachel Donaldson	Hannah Hunt	Jacob Meacham	Elbereth Smith
Leah Ashrafi	Rachel Dreiling	Timothy Inbody	Joy Mennerick	Jay Smith
Amanda Barkheimer	Peter Edwards	Ashley Isaac	Jordan Meyer	Elizabeth Stewart
Dallas Barnes	Jordan Edwards	Cleve Jackson	Alexandra Moody	Victor Stillwell
Haley Barnett	Kaylyn Edwards	Christopher Jenkins	Michael Neuberger	Dale Straight
Melea Barrick	Naomi Eisenmenger	Madison Johnson	Colby Nicholson	Chase Talbert
Andrea Barry	Logan Engle	Emma Johnson	Marla Niskern	Kooper Taylor
Sanjiv Barve	Samuel Enloe	Julia Jolly	Matthew Nunez	Jacob Teague
Justin Bederka	Abraham Farani	Bryce Jones	Ochanya Ocheola-Ok	Carole Tear
Richard Bisson	David Fenley	Bailey Jordan	Jessica O'Dell	Noah Tedescucci
James Blasko	Alexander Ferguson	Rachel Kaiser	Tyler Ogle	Naomi Tevebaugh
K.C. Boultinghouse	Erika Fields	Kaitlin Karcher	Ashley Okotoghaide	Yimiao Tian
Kayla Bradley	Luke Fillmore	Alexandria Kauffman	James Olmstead	Zachary Tillotson
Carson Brown	Sienna Finn	Brian Kelley	Kaylee Pace	Marsela Treska
Kelsey Brown	Ashley Flores	Joseph Kennedy	Ritabahan Patel	Kong Chiu Tsang
Madison Buckley	Christopher Flowers	Jinsu Kim	Harley Pennington	Brittney Tucker
Zachary Butler	Jennifer Fortson	Andrew King	Linh Pham	Joseph Urban
Trent Caldwell	Darren Fox	Amber King	Amber Pierce	Julissa Uriarte
John Caldwell	Cedrus Funk	Amanda Koll	Connor Preston	Zachary Vann
Caroline Cantrell	Aundria Gill	Matthew Krehbiel	Robert Reining	Ashley Ventris
Ryne Carman	Kyle Gilmore	James Kuegler	Todd Riddle	Jacob Ventris
Nathan Carson	Kathryn Glenn	Michael Lair	Alexandra Riggs	Rachel Voigtlander
Thaimy Castro Benitez	Colton Goyer	Maggie Lam	William Robinson	Mykaela Wallace
Josue Castro Lopez	Keegan Grooms	Keondre Lawrence	Allison Robinson	Beth Ward
Daniel Chadwick	Chloe Grotts	Jing Li	Deborah Rowden	Landon Wheelock
Yenifer Chaves	Riley Guy	Adam Lightfoot	Mallory Schaub	Ethan Williams
Nilamba Chudasama	Shelby Hackney	Anne Lindsay	Jon Schwake	John Williamson
Jennifer Clarke	Clayeton Hammock	Matthew Linscott	Amy Scott-Sanjur	Kegan Wilson
Matthew Coakley	Benjamin Hangsleben	Qiulin Liu	Jevon Seaman	Vanessa Winnie
Kevin Cook	Hunter Hansen	Yan Lu	Julia Seigel	Isaac Winters
Andrew Cook	Jared Head	Michael Lunn	Juraj Sekera	Laura Wolf
Carly Costley	Diana Healey	Yusuf Marey	Kirsty Shankles	Hannah Woodman
David Dani	Sarah Heffington	Katie Martinez	Adrian Shoecraft	Matthew Woodward
Amber Day	Emmaly Helt	Christopher McCaslin	Ryan Shores	Lance Worsham
Diane Day	Casey Herndon	Isaac McCaslin	Jordan Short	Junyang Zheng
Hayden Deberry	Zachary Hestily	Traves McCorkle	Collin Short	
Crystal Delaney	Paxson Hightower	Janet McGraw	Christina Shults	

Candidate's Corner

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES QUARTER 3/2021 (7/01/2021 THROUGH 09/30/2021)

GAVIN SCOTT ALEXANDER
JOSHUA Q ANDERSON
RYNE ANDREW CARMAN
KIRA ROSALEA COX
CAMERON TIMOTHY CREMIN
SUZANNA GABRIELLE DOWNEY
TYLER RANCE FLETCHER
JENNIFER NICOLE FORTSON
ROBBY BEAR GROTTIS
ANNA KAY GUNTER
CLAYETON TANNER HAMMOCK

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AMBER LYNN SMITH
ELIZABETH MICHELINE STEWART
NOAH RUSSELL TEDESCUCCI
BRITTNEY MICHELLE TUCKER
VANESSA MARIE VELASCO
RACHEL D VOIGTLANDER
LEAH REBEKAH WIETHOLTER
VANESSA MARIE WINNIE

Total Successful Candidates = 32

***BOLD** = Each section passed on first sitting*

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES QUARTER 4/2021 (10/01/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2021)

ALLYSON LEIGH AKERS
LINDSAY DAWN BARTON
MITCHELL MARTIN BENSCH
REBECCA LYN BUSH
ANDREW TY COX
PHUONG CAT DO
RACHEL LYN DONALDSON
LOGAN JAMES ENGLE
ASHLEY HANNAH GOODMAN
JEREMY NATHANIEL GRANT
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SYDNEY PAIGE KIMBLE
WILLIAM HUDSON KUYKENDALL
BRITTANY ELIZABETH LEE
JUSTIN RYAN LOVE
DANIEL TI MOTHY MURRAY
JENNIFER LOUISE NEWMAN
IAN O'GUIN
KAYLEE NICOLE PACE
SANYA CARLEE PARKER
SAVANNAH ROSE PRICE
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KAYL JOSHUA REITER
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SOPHIA QUINN SHARP

ELIZABETH GRACE SHEPARD
PAULA JANETTE SHOEMAKER
MARISA ALEXIS SMITH
TAYLOR JOSEPH STEPHENS
VALERIE ANN STEPHENS
MORGAN THOMAS
AGNESSA ALEKSANDROVNA
TIMOSHENKO
SASHA LENAY UNKEL
EVAN N VILLALON
KERRI LEA WEBB
SEAN ALEXANDER WEBSTER
ALEC DAVID WEIBEL
HANNAH MARIE WILSON
JORDAN ROBERT YEE

Total Successful Candidates = 46

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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

You must notify the Board if there are any changes in your address or contact information. If you have moved, changed your address, phone number, or email address, or changed employers, you can update your information [online](#).

- Individuals changing their name will need to include a copy of the legal document changing it.
- Resident Managers have the responsibility to inform the Board of any changes regarding their firms' information within 30 days of the action.

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

The South Carolina Board of Accountancy elected new officers at its October 26, 2021, meeting. Jada W. McAbee, CPA, was elected Chair, Christopher S. Huggins, CPA, was elected Vice Chair, and Dean Kenneth Whitener, CPA, was elected Secretary.



Jada McAbee

APPLY NOW: BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY INVESTIGATOR POSITION

The South Carolina Board of Accountancy wants you to know about a great career opportunity available at LLR that will allow you to give back to the profession and serve the public.

The Board is in the process of recruiting for an [Investigator V](#). This position supports the Accountancy Board and requires applicants to be an actively licensed SC CPA, in good standing, with five years of CPA experience. Applicants for this position should have current experience (within the last 5 years) with auditing and with professional standards, to include, but not be limited to GASB, FASB, GAAP, GAAS and SSARS. If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, an application is available [online](#) or you can review the position description and start the application [here](#). Please forward this information to anyone you know who might be interested in this opportunity.



HOW THE BOARD WORKS: MEETING AGENDAS

All meeting agendas are posted on the Board's website a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. Meeting agendas are also disseminated to the media and interested parties via email. Anyone who would like to be included on the meeting agenda distribution list may request to be added by contacting Board staff at Contact.Accountancy@llr.sc.gov. Please be sure to use the subject line "Request to be added to meeting agenda distribution list", to ensure your request is processed timely.

DETERMINING CARRYOVER HOURS

Think about a 40-hour jar of sand:

1. First, add your carryover hours from the previous year (up to 20 hours)
2. Then, add in your required ethics
3. Add any personal development (up to 8 hours)
4. Next, add in any self-study (up to 20 hours)
5. Add any other hours that are limited
6. Then top it off with your all other hours

Any hours spilling over the top will be your carryover!

For any area where the hours are limited, excess hours are discarded.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2022	
31	Renewal Deadline
February 2022	
15	Non-renewed Licenses Lapse
21	Presidents Day – CLOSED

Unless otherwise noted, all Board meetings start at 10 a.m.
Requests to appear before the Board, together with all related documentation, must be in writing and submitted at least 10 business days before the meeting. Written requests are to be sent to SC Board of Accountancy, PO Box 11329, Columbia, SC 29211-1329.

TOTAL LICENSEES AND REGISTRATIONS AS OF 12/31/2021

TYPE OF LICENSE/ REGISTRATION	ACTIVE
Accounting Firm In State	1,308
Accounting Firm Out of State	367
Accounting Practitioner	62
Certified Public Accountant	6,266
Public Accountant	3
Total Licensees/Registrations	8,006

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Information regarding complaints and ongoing investigations is confidential, however, you can access and search all public Board orders at: <https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/PublicOrdersWeb/?divisionId=15>.

NEW CPA OATH CEREMONY

The Fall 2021 New CPA Oath Ceremony was held on November 18, 2021 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center as part of SCACPA's Fall Fest Accounting Conference.



From Left to Right: Lesley Kelly, CPA, Chelsea Buchanan, Chris Huggins, CPA, Jada McAbee, CPA, Angela "Angie" Brazell, CPA, and Robert Tilton, CPA.

Jada McAbee, CPA, Board of Accountancy Chair; and Lesley Kelly, CPA, SCACPA Chair, lead the ceremony. Michael Putich, CPA, Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Accountancy, was the keynote speaker.



Stay tuned for details on the Spring 2022 New CPA Oath Ceremony, which will be included in the next edition of the newsletter. All new licensees are encouraged to attend the Oath Ceremony. New licensees who choose not to attend the Oath Ceremony will receive their wall certificates by mail approximately 30 days after the Ceremony.

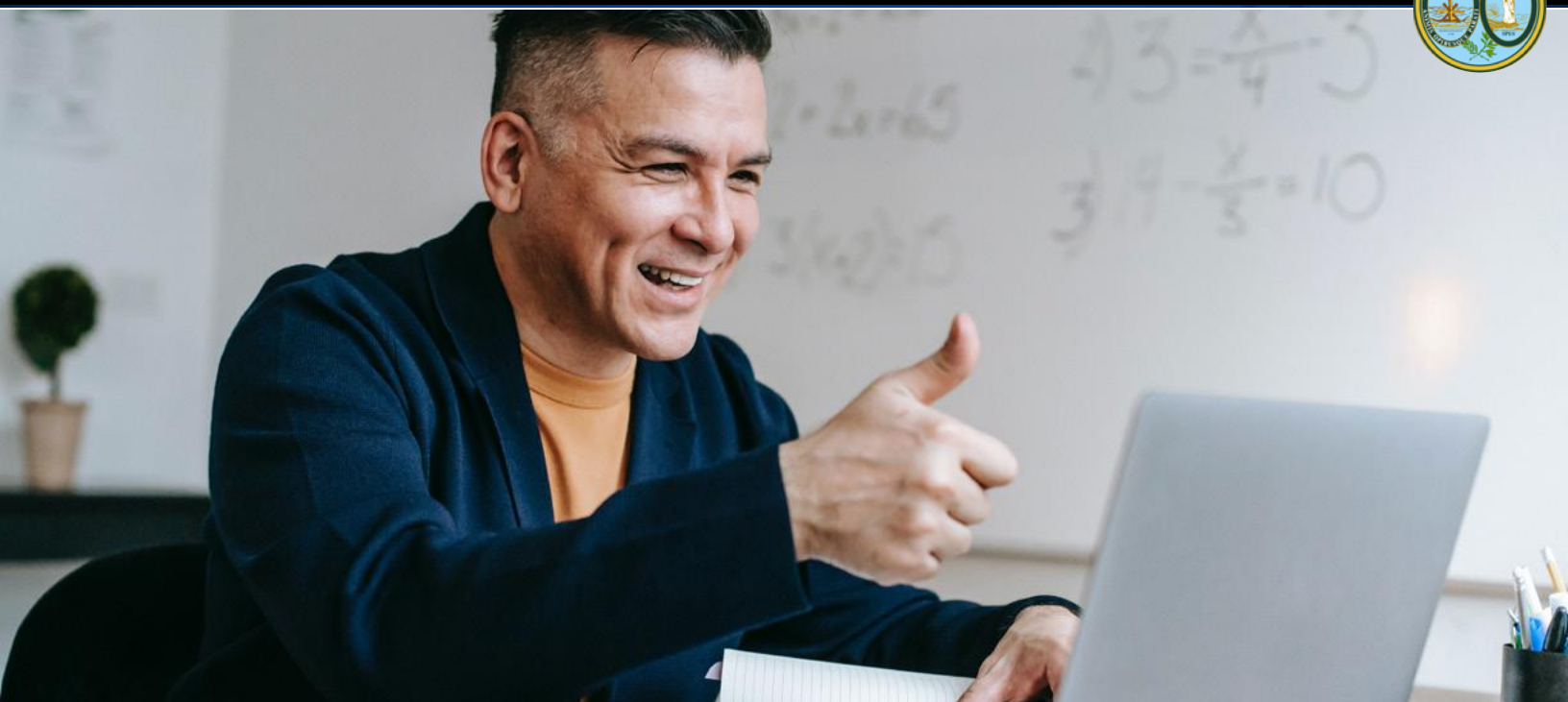
RECENTLY LICENSED CPAS – OCTOBER 2021 TO DECEMBER 2021

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STEPHEN BARNES
KEVIN BECK
ALEXANDRA BOOR
JOSHUA BRANDT
JOSHUA BROWN
SHANGWEN CAI
SHERRY DIERKING
JESSICA ELLER
LUIS ESPINOSA
ADITYA GOKHALE
MADELEINE GRAY
RUSSELL GROVES
BENJAMIN HALLIGAN
MELISSA HARGROVE
AMANDA HAWKINS
RANDALL HERRINGTON
GRACE HOBSON
KYLE KENNEDY
ALEXANDER KHOKHLOV
JAMESINE KILLORIN

GREER, SC
MIDDLE BASS, OH
MOUNT PLEASANT, SC
AUSTIN, TX
MAULDIN, SC
ANDERSON, SC
CHARLESTON, SC
BLUFFTON, SC
JOHNS ISLAND, SC
FORT MILL, SC
CHARLOTTE, NC
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ROCK HILL, SC
COLUMBIA, SC
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COLUMBIA, SC
HILTON HEAD, SC
COLUMBIA, SC
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MYRTLE BEACH, SC
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NINETY SIX, SC
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HILTON HEAD, SC
AIKEN, SC
CONWAY, SC
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MOUNT PLEASANT, SC
ROCK HILL, SC
MYRTLE BEACH, SC
FORT MILL, SC
MYRTLE BEACH, SC
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RENEWAL TIPS

Renewal and submission of CPE Reports are done through the online portal. A renewal is not complete without a completed renewal form, payment of the renewal fee, and a completed CPE reporting form.

Renewing Online

- UserIDs are included in renewal notices, which were emailed on December 7, 2021.
- Firm registrations have their own unique UserIDs
- UserIDs are never your email address and are case-sensitive
- If you do not know your password, you will need to click “forgot password” and follow the instructions.
- If you need your email changed so you can access your account, this **MUST** be requested in writing to contact.accountancy@llr.sc.gov.
- Staff cannot process any payment via telephone.
- The carryover you are being prompted to enter during the online renewal is what is- or will be- on line 6 of table 1 of the current year’s CPE form.

CPE Reporting

- The CPE reporting form is available by clicking the [“CPE Reporting Form”](#) tab under the accountancy heading on the Board’s home page.
- If you do not fill out page 1, including table 1, sign the form, attach a completed section b, and include any self-study certificates, your report is not considered complete.

- Completed CPE reports should be uploaded in the document submission portal. A [link](#) to the upload portal is available in the instructions on page 1 of the reporting form.
- Please try to consolidate your report into one single PDF file
- If using a digital or electronic signature, please ensure that it displays the signature after saving and reopening the file.
- Staff cannot send individualized confirmation of receipt for CPE reports. You can ensure your upload was successful by clicking on “document submissions” in your online account to view previously added reports.
- Do not use the CPE form to notify staff of address changes, employer changes, etc.
- Do not send your CPE report by fax.

Other Things

- To ensure your license renewal was successful, please use the licensee lookup feature on the LLR [website](#). If your status is “active,” your renewal was successful. If you continue to receive emails about not having renewed, please ensure that you also renewed any firm registration you may have and completed the payment portion of the renewal.
- If you do not intend to renew, you will need to either submit an Emeritus application, or if planning to simply let the license lapse, send written notification to the Board along with your wall certificate. More information about [Emeritus](#) status can be found in the Board [FAQ’S](#) and the application can be found by clicking [“apply for a license”](#) on the home page and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

BOARD BUSINESS

ED Report

Boards & Commissions Update

New Appointee:

Elizabeth Stuart, CPA beginning 3/1/22

One CPA seat currently vacant; anyone interested should apply with Boards & Commissions: <https://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/apply-for-a-board-appointment/>

CPA Renewal

Online renewal closed December 31st. All renewal applications are now required to be mailed in.

The following are the lapsed statistics as of 1/31/2022:

LAPSED TOTAL = 337

- Individuals: 305
- Firms Permits: 16
- Out of State Permits: 16

Historical info for comparison – this was after the 2019 renewal as of 1/30/20:

LAPSED TOTAL = 232

- Individuals: 208
- Firms Permits: 11
- Out of State Permits: 13

CPAES – Processing of AK Exam Applications

Exception to Policy form and Exam Credit Extension form added are no longer on AK Exam site. NASBA will continue to send requests received to the Board for review.

**STATE OF ALASKA
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
Fiscal Year 2022**

Goal 1. Monitor legislation, evaluate and review statutory/regulatory changes related to:

- a. Review of UAA through a coordinated effort with the AKCPA for recent changes and identify additional areas where Alaska statutes and regulations differ and evaluate impact of differences to include:
 - 1. Adopt UAA attest definition
 - 2. Adopt UAA firm definition
 - 3. Update peer review requirements
 - 4. Adopt firm mobility
- b. Review requirements for CPA firm permits.
- c. Monitor NASBA discussion re: required years of experience.
- d. Review and monitor potential changes to how we use the peer review reports in the future.
- e. Review statutes and regulations for areas of clarification with AKCPA.
- f. Monitor NASBA committee activity.
- g. Monitor progress of CPA evolution project.

Goal 2. Review and evaluate National Association of State Board of Accountancy (NASBA) services.

- a. Continue to monitor NASBA CPA Exam Services (CPAES).
- b. Evaluate and analyze other services offered by NASBA.
 - 1. Inquire with the communications department to see how they can assist with an electronic newsletter and possibly other items, such as social media, announcements and the website.

Goal 3. Ensure Alaska CPA candidates have positive examination opportunities.

- a. Monitor testing experiences by visiting sites and using the post-testing survey for all candidates testing at the Anchorage and Fairbanks sites. Monitor that the surveys are delivered timely.
- b. Follow-up on concerns indicated in the surveys.
- c. Keep the AKCPA and the public abreast of new developments.

Goal 4. Monitor Covid19 impacts on exam candidates.

- a. Continue to monitor NTS and exam score extensions.
- b. Monitor status of Alaska Prometric sites.

Goal 5. Evaluate and address changes in the professional environment to continue to fulfill our mission to protect public interests.

- a. Review new rules proposed by NASBA and the AICPA, for impact on Alaska CPAs and make changes to Alaska statutes and regulations as needed.

- b. Represent Alaska CPA concerns at regional, annual, and special meetings and support NASBA committee participation.
 - 1. Promote attendance by staff and new Board members at regional, special and annual meetings to provide understanding of current regulatory issues being dealt with at a national level and a state-by-state level.
 - 2. Promote attendance of continuing Board members at regional and annual meetings to provide input and to obtain information at both national and state levels regarding matters impacting Alaska CPAs.
- c. Mentor executive administrator in developing procedures and goals for timely response to public, CPAs and CPA candidate requests.

Goal 6. Work with the Division regarding:

- a. Future licensee fee structure; fees must cover monitoring expenses and operating costs while not being cost prohibitive to licensees.
- b. Board and staff travel and participation at NASBA/AICPA meetings including:
 - 1. Executive Administrator attendance at NASBA annual and regional meetings and the NASBA Executive Director conference.
 - 2. No less than four (4) Board members will attend the NASBA regional conference or the annual NASBA meeting.
 - 3. One Board member and/or the Executive Administrator will attend any special NASBA or AICPA meetings as they arise.
 - 4. One or two Board members and the Executive Administrator will attend the Alaska Society of CPAs annual meeting.
 - 5. Continue outreach to licensees by holding Board meetings in various State locations.
- c. Ongoing improvements and maintenance of the Board website.
- d. Use of MyLicense for renewal and communication with licensees.
- e. Conduct CPE random audits and complete timely review and resolution of CPE audits.
 - 1. Explore mandatory use of a CPE tracking software program.
- f. Obtaining more information with fiscal reports, including personnel and legal costs.
- g. Work with Division on cost saving measures.
- h. Complete a review of firm/licensee renewal forms and processes.

Goal 7. Continue Board oversight and public awareness of enforcement activities.

- a. Timely update of investigative information and statistics on the Board website.
- b. Interact with the investigative unit regarding consistency and monitoring of cases.
- c. Continue participation with the NASBA Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD).
 - 1. Work with Division on automatic reporting of license action.
- d. Executive Administrator to provide enforcement decisions to the general public.
- e. Continue dialog with investigative management regarding investigative costs and investigator turnover.

Department of Commerce Community, and Economic Development
Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Summary of All Professional Licensing
Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures

Board of Public Accountancy	FY 16	FY 17	Biennium	FY 18	FY 19	Biennium	FY 20	FY 21	Biennium	FY 22 1st & 2nd QTR
Revenue										
Revenue from License Fees	\$ 695,325	\$ 179,830	\$ 875,155	\$ 730,935	\$ 155,871	\$ 886,806	\$ 763,235	\$ 164,635	\$ 927,870	\$ 427,040
General Fund Received							\$ -	-	-	\$ -
Allowable Third Party Reimbursements	1,766	6,974	8,740	6,580	2,241	8,821	\$ 1,465	-	1,465	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 697,091	\$ 186,804	\$ 883,895	\$ 737,515	\$ 158,112	\$ 895,627	\$ 764,700	\$ 164,635	\$ 929,335	\$ 427,040
Expenditures										
Non Investigation Expenditures										
1000 - Personal Services	151,525	143,022	294,547	148,255	150,914	299,169	124,487	134,983	259,470	62,668
2000 - Travel	20,273	18,355	38,628	24,125	12,902	37,027	6,800	278	7,078	708
3000 - Services	19,717	12,846	32,563	15,356	8,138	23,494	8,448	4,960	13,408	4,551
4000 - Commodities	1,154	554	1,708	313	285	598	-	-	-	-
5000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Investigation Expenditures	192,669	174,777	367,446	188,049	172,239	360,288	139,735	140,221	279,956	67,927
Investigation Expenditures										
1000-Personal Services	45,474	42,667	88,141	52,645	75,518	128,163	55,363	59,205	114,568	20,261
2000 - Travel					-	-	-	-	-	-
3023 - Expert Witness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3088 - Inter-Agency Legal	8,654	3,427	12,081	16,670	33	16,703	-	5,034	5,034	-
3094 - Inter-Agency Hearing/Mediation	3,903	-	3,903	8,260	-	8,260	-	7,725	7,725	-
3000 - Services other					501	501	273	60	333	-
4000 - Commodities					-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investigation Expenditures	58,031	46,094	104,125	77,575	76,052	153,627	55,636	72,024	127,660	20,261
Total Direct Expenditures	250,700	220,871	471,571	265,624	248,291	513,915	195,371	212,245	407,616	88,188
Indirect Expenditures										
Internal Administrative Costs	48,439	50,288	98,727	60,154	58,864	119,018	58,556	48,282	106,838	24,141
Departmental Costs	28,192	40,788	68,980	43,238	46,280	89,518	29,179	27,972	57,151	13,986
Statewide Costs	10,088	20,650	30,738	22,452	22,975	45,427	23,694	26,652	50,346	13,326
Total Indirect Expenditures	86,719	111,726	198,445	125,844	128,119	253,963	111,429	102,906	214,335	51,453
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 337,419	\$ 332,597	\$ 670,016	\$ 391,468	\$ 376,410	\$ 767,878	\$ 306,800	\$ 315,151	\$ 621,951	\$ 139,641
Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)										
Beginning Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (257,407)	\$ 102,265		\$ (43,528)	\$ 302,519		\$ 84,221	\$ 542,121		\$ 391,605
Annual Increase/(Decrease)	359,672	(145,793)		346,047	(218,298)		457,900	(150,516)		287,399
Ending Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 102,265	\$ (43,528)		\$ 302,519	84,221		\$ 542,121	\$ 391,605		\$ 679,004
Statistical Information										
Number of Licenses for Indirect calculation	1,652	1,738		1,816	1,709		1,793	1,719		
Additional information: • Fee analysis required if the cumulative is less than zero; fee analysis recommended when the cumulative is less than current year expenditures; no fee increases needed if cumulative is over the current year expenses * • Most recent fee change: Fee increase FY16 • Annual license fee analysis will include consideration of other factors such as board and licensee input, potential investigation load, court cases, multiple license and fee types under one program, and program										

Appropriation Name (Ex)	(All)
Sub Unit	(All)
PL Task Code	CPA1

Sum of Budgetary Expenditures	Object Type Name (Ex)			
Object Name (Ex)	1000 - Personal Services	2000 - Travel	3000 - Services	Grand Total
1011 - Regular Compensation	43,199.73			43,199.73
1014 - Overtime	219.05			219.05
1023 - Leave Taken	8,373.09			8,373.09
1028 - Alaska Supplemental Benefit	3,177.73			3,177.73
1029 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Benefits	14,813.90			14,813.90
1030 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Contribution	138.52			138.52
1034 - Public Employee's Retirement System Defined Cont Health Reim	72.60			72.60
1035 - Public Employee's Retirement Sys Defined Cont Retiree Medical	27.95			27.95
1037 - Public Employee's Retirement Sys Defined Benefit Unfnd Liab	546.25			546.25
1039 - Unemployment Insurance	166.64			166.64
1040 - Group Health Insurance	9,477.99			9,477.99
1041 - Basic Life and Travel	17.70			17.70
1042 - Worker's Compensation Insurance	471.90			471.90
1047 - Leave Cash In Employer Charge	881.68			881.68
1048 - Terminal Leave Employer Charge	722.05			722.05
1053 - Medicare Tax	581.10			581.10
1063 - GGU Business Leave Bank Usage	-			-
1077 - ASEA Legal Trust	15.12			15.12
1079 - ASEA Injury Leave Usage	4.58			4.58
1080 - SU Legal Trst	4.29			4.29
2007 - In-State Non-Employee Lodging		60.00		60.00
2008 - In-State Non-Employee Meals and Incidentals		150.00		150.00
3002 - Memberships			3,200.00	3,200.00
3046 - Advertising			1,292.23	1,292.23
3057 - Structure, Infrastructure and Land - Rentals/Leases			59.16	59.16
1016 - Other Premium Pay	17.00			17.00
2001 - In-State Employee Surface Transportation		-		-
2002 - In-State Employee Lodging		-		-
2003 - In-State Employee Meals and Incidentals		-		-
2009 - In-State Non-Employee Taxable Per Diem		96.00		96.00
2006 - In-State Non-Employee Surface Transportation		402.08		402.08
Grand Total	82,928.87	708.08	4,551.39	88,188.34

NASBA - Exam Reimbursement - FY22

MONTH	AMOUNT
July-21	\$6,050.00
August-21	\$6,990.00
September-21	\$7,055.00
October-21	\$6,775.00
November-21	\$7,080.00
December-21	\$5,815.00
January-22	
February-22	
March-22	
April-22	
May-22	
June-22	
GRAND TOTAL FY22	\$39,765.00

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Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

2022 Legislative Guidance for Professional Licensing Board & Commission Members

As a member of a professional licensing board or commission, you have considerable latitude—as well as responsibility—to recommend changes to your licensing program’s enabling statutes. Members of the public, consumers, other professionals, and your industry’s association confidently approach members of the legislature to affect the change they wish to see in your practice. Whether taking the initiative or reacting to an active bill, board members also need to be prepared to champion their cause.

THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ALWAYS APPLIES

AS 44.62.310(h) provides detailed definitions of "governmental body," "meeting," and "public entity" that, when combined, define what constitutes a public meeting. A meeting of a decision or policy-making body occurs when more than three members or a majority of the members, whichever is less, engage collectively in discussion of a subject on which the body is authorized to act and set policy and is therefore subject to the Open Meetings Act. Under this definition, it doesn't matter where the meeting occurs, if it was prearranged, or who arranged it and could include unplanned casual or social contact in any location, including the office of a legislator or an industry gathering.

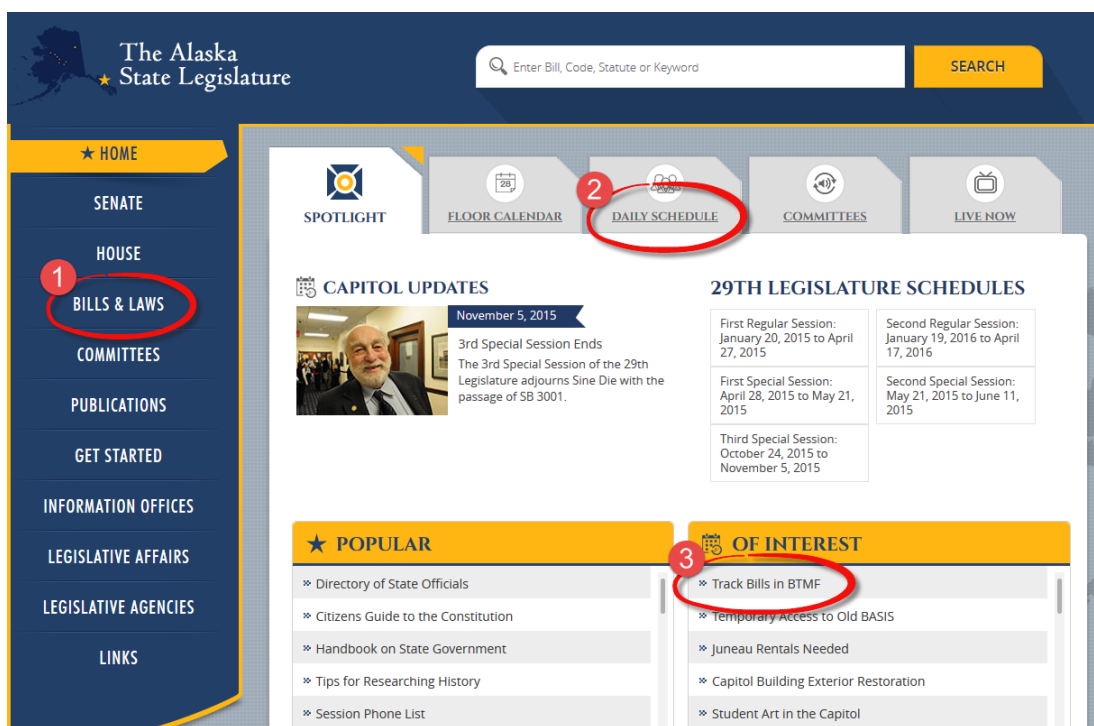
Members of boards and commissions should take care not to conduct business over email, lest the public be removed from the process. Board members should not email each other about board business; if a special meeting is needed, a member can alert staff and a meeting can be arranged and publicly noticed. Remember, all board member email correspondence is discoverable, and your board business is also the public’s business.

This information is contained in the *CBPL Guide to Excellence in Regulation*. Board members are provided a bound copy of this guidance manual; however, If you need another copy, you may download it here:
<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardMemberResources.aspx>.

BE INFORMED: IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?

- As soon as possible before legislative season, select on the record a member who will serve as the point person for legislative activity. In the absence of this person, the division will look to the chair of the board for input and interpretation. If the board is championing a piece of legislation, a history of the meeting minutes reflecting the issues and board’s perspective should be compiled by this leader and made available to board members and division management, who will be at every hearing. This research and history will be especially helpful to new board members who are appointed.
- When a bill is filed, division management will alert program staff. The examiner or executive should ensure that their board members are made aware of legislation that is filed that will affect them. With sometimes more than 50 bills to track, analyze, and testify on, division management may not be able to keep the board apprised of every late-breaking detail. Division management will periodically send updates to staff regarding legislation or request discussion with the board.
- That said, know where to find any bill using the Alaska State Legislature’s web page: akleg.gov. (See graphic below.)
 1. The **BILLS & LAWS** section on the sidebar links to a searchable list of documents. If you know the bill number, you can search using the bar at the top of the screen.
 2. The **DAILY SCHEDULE** shows all committee activity for the day you choose. It is subject to change, but it is a good starting place to see what is happening where.

3. The **BTMF**—or Bill Tracking Management Facility is your best friend when trying to keep up with a bill. Take the time to set up your profile and register the bill you want to track, then you will receive email updates when its status changes or is scheduled for a hearing.



GUIDELINES FOR BOARD MEMBER TESTIMONY

- Encourage the board to become engaged: Track the bill online, participate in hearings, write a letter supporting the board's official position, and discuss the legislation in a public meeting. It is a best practice for organizations to speak with "one voice." Any testimony or correspondence by a board member on behalf of a board must represent deliberation and action taken on the record in a public meeting.
- Staff may not express opinions on behalf of the board or discuss legislation with elected officials without prior arrangements with division management and clearance from the Governor's Legislative Office. If the board has published a resolution or letter regarding the legislation as a result of a vote at a public meeting, staff may provide that document to legislators per department procedures.
- Individual board members may offer their personal or professional opinions on the legislation. They must clearly state that while they are appointed to a board, they do not speak on behalf of the board.
- Boards must provide a member to testify telephonically (or in person, if in Juneau) at every hearing when being considered for reauthorization per AS 08.03. Without member interest and advocacy for the board or commission's continuation, it is possible that the sponsor could withdraw the bill and the board could sunset.
- The chair or elected board spokesperson should be prepared to answer questions posed by staff or legislators, testify telephonically (or in person, if in Juneau) on bills that require subject matter expertise or upon request, and otherwise be available on short notice to engage in this process or assign another board member to do so.
- Be sure to differentiate the state licensing board from the industry association. Sometimes, they share the same goals. Sometimes, they do not. Legislators must keep track of a lot of names and organizations, so be sure that you are clear that you represent the State of Alaska licensing board.

- Nervous? Don't worry! Please email or call the division director or deputy director to discuss tips or even run through some potential questions/roleplay.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY CALL-IN DO'S AND DON'TS

* For the 2022 session, masks are required in the Capitol.

Do remember this "off-net" system is designed to serve those who do not have any other way to testify or have a legitimate reason for using the system.

Do remember that off-net calls to the committee must be authorized prior to the meeting by the chairman. A minimum of 24 hours in advance is appreciated. Please work through the Director, Division Operations Manager, or the committee chairman's office for authorization.

Do use the streaming video available at <http://akl.tv/> to watch for your bill to come up. The chairman will announce the order of bills at the beginning of the meeting. Callers may be disconnected from the meeting if they call in prior to their bill being taken up. If video streaming is not an option for you, please contact the committee aide to make arrangements to call in early. Once the bill is before the committee, call **844-586-9085**, let the operator know what committee you are calling for, give your name, state board position/affiliation, bill number, whether you wish to testify or to be available only to answer questions. Examples: "Hi, I'm calling in to be available for questions on SB21 in Senate Finance. My name is Richard Wein, and I am the chair of the State Medical Board." "Good morning. My name is Danette Schloeder, I am the chair of the Board of Nursing, and I'm on the list to provide invited testimony on HB83 in House Labor and Commerce."

Do Not call in before the bill you are testifying on comes before the committee.

Do remember the off net call-in lines are for testifiers only. If you wish to listen in, please use the live streaming at <http://akl.tv/>.

Do use the "mute" function of your phone until called on to testify. If this function is not available on your phone, ask the Legislative Information Office (LIO) moderator to mute your call.

Do Not use the "hold" function.

Do try to be in a quiet room without distractions or interruptions. Car noise, open windows, and barking dogs can all be heard by the legislative committee and guests at the hearing. These avoidable disturbances will detract from the credibility of your message. Please treat the important responsibility of testifying with utmost respect and professionalism.

Do remember that everything transmitted over your phone will be broadcast directly into the meeting room and recorded to become part of the permanent record.

Do remember to be in a location with good reception if using a cell phone. Disruptions coming into the meeting via the phone lines will result in all callers being disconnected from the system. This will require testifiers to call back to be reconnected. Turn off your computer or TV speakers if listening online so you do not create an audio "loop."

Do try to adhere to time limits imposed by the chairman.

Remember: There are a limited number of phone lines coming into the Capitol. These lines are also used by LIOs around the state. When all the phone lines are used up, an LIO may not be able to call in with a room full of people.

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**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Glenn Hoskinson,
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor *AS*
465.4081

DATE: January 25, 2022

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Public Accountancy

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development; Board of Public
Accountancy regulations re: public accountant professional (12 AAC 04)

Attorney General File: 2021200453.001

Regulation Filed: 1/25/2022

Effective Date: 2/24/2022

Print: 241, April 2022

cc with enclosures: Joseph Felkl, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

The attached six pages of regulations, dealing with code of professional conduct of the section references of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Professional Standards and National State Auditors Association (NSAA) Peer Review Manual, licensure by reciprocity and examination, education, examination, hours of continuing education, individual study, publications, and inactive licenses, are hereby certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Public Accountancy adopted at its November 8-9, 2021 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.04.070, AS 08.04.080, AS 08.04.105, AS 08.04.110, AS 08.04.120, AS 08.04.130, AS 08.04.150, AS 08.04.195, AS 08.04.410, AS 08.04.423, AS 08.04.425, and AS 08.04.426, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Public Accountancy paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 11/18/21

Cori Hondolero

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Cori Hondolero, Executive Administrator
Board of Public Accountancy

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on January 25, ²⁰²²~~2021~~ at 11:15 PM, I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.



Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: February 24, 2022

Register: 24th April 2022

Chapter 04. Board of Public Accountancy.

12 AAC 04.004 is amended to read:

12 AAC 04.004. Code of professional conduct. An accountant shall adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *AICPA Professional Standards, Volume 3* [2], ET Section, revised as of June 1, **2020** [2018], adopted by reference. (Eff. 1/4/2017, Register 221; am 4/19/2019, Register 230; am 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.080

Editor's note: A copy of the *AICPA Professional Standards, Volume 3* [2] adopted by reference in 12 AAC 04.004, may be obtained from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants at AICPA, 220 Leigh Farm Road, Durham, North Carolina 27707-8110 or at AICPA's website at <http://www.aicpa.org>.

12 AAC 04.038(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) an audit or other engagement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *AICPA Professional Standards, Volume 1*, AU-C Section, as revised as of June 1, **2020** [2018], adopted by reference;

12 AAC 04.038(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) a review of a financial statement to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *AICPA Professional Standards, Volume 3* [2], AR-C Section, as

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revised as of June 1, 2020 [2018], adopted by reference;

12 AAC 04.038(a)(3) is amended to read:

(3) an examination of prospective financial information to be performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *AICPA Professional Standards, Volume 1*, AT-C Section, as revised as of June 1, 2020 [2018], adopted by reference; and

12 AAC 04.038(c) is amended to read:

(c) A licensee performing an attest engagement shall maintain a quality control system that complies with the Quality Control Standards (QCS) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *AICPA Professional Standards, Volume 3* [2], QC Section, as revised as of June 1, 2020 [2018], adopted by reference. (Eff. 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 1/4/2017, Register 221; am 4/19/2019, Register 230; am 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.423

Editor's note: A copy of the *AICPA Professional Standards, Volumes 1, [AND] 2, and 3*, may be obtained from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants at AICPA, 220 Leigh Farm Road, Durham, North Carolina 27707-8110 or at AICPA's website at <http://www.aicpa.org>.

12 AAC 04.165(b) is amended to read:

(b) An applicant for a license under this section must submit

(1) a complete **notarized** application on a form provided by the department, including a summary of the applicant's professional work experience; [AND]

(2) the applicable fees specified in 12 AAC 02.340;

(3) the names of three individuals for verification of the applicant's good moral character as required under 12 AAC 04.160; and

(4) verification showing that the applicant has passed the applicable examinations required under 12 AAC 04.200.

(Eff. 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 9/28/2008, Register 187; am 12/25/2015, Register 216; am 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.195

12 AAC 04.175(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) a complete **notarized** application on a form provided by the department;

12 AAC 04.175(b)(6) is amended to read:

(6) verification showing that the applicant has passed the applicable examinations required under 12 AAC 04.200 [AND 12 AAC 04.205]. (Eff. 9/28/2008, Register 187; am 12/25/2015, Register 216; am 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.110 AS 08.04.130
AS 08.04.105 AS 08.04.120 AS 08.04.150

12 AAC 04.185(e) is amended to read:

(e) As used in AS 08.04.120, "a college or university acceptable to the board" means

(1) [THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA;

(2)] a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association [THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA]; or

(2) [(3)] a foreign college or university whose degree program has been evaluated by an approved credentials evaluation service and determined to be equivalent to the degree program of an institution acceptable under (1) [OR (2)] of this subsection; an approved credentials evaluation service is

[(A) RECOGNIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA; OR

(B)] the National Association of State Boards of Accounting (NASBA)

International Evaluation Services (NIES).

12 AAC 04.185 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(g) The following ^{may not} ~~cannot~~ be used to meet the accounting concentration

(1) college level examination program (CLEP) courses;

(2) examination preparation courses;

(3) life experience credits; or

^{courses similar to those described in (1) - (3) of this subsection,}
(4) ~~other similar courses~~, as determined by the board.

(h) No more than six semester credit hours can be earned in each ^{Subject} ~~topic area~~ listed in

(b)(1) of this section. (Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; am 11/9/85, Register 96; am 2/2/94, Register 129; am 5/4/96, Register 138; am 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 12/29/2013, Register 208; am 12/25/2015, Register 216; am 1/4/2017, Register 221; am

2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.120

Register 241, April 2022 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS**

The introductory language of 12 AAC 04.200(g) is amended to read:

(g) An [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN 12 AAC 04.205, AN] applicant

...

(Eff. 9/9/72, Register 43; am 2/10/78, Register 64; am 1/27/81, Register 76; am 5/28/81, Register 78; am 3/30/84, Register 89; am 2/2/94, Register 129; am 7/27/97, Register 143; am 3/24/2004, Register 169; am 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 12/25/2015, Register 216; am 4/19/2019, Register 230; am 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.130

12 AAC 04.205 is repealed:

12 AAC 04.205. Examination transition to computer-based testing. Repealed

2 / 24 / 2022. (Eff. 3/24/2004, Register 169; repealed 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

12 AAC 04.300(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed 2 / 24 / 2022.

(Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; am 4/7/95, Register 134; am 5/10/98, Register 146; am 7/25/2001, Register 159; am 4/16/2004, Register 170; am 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 12/25/2015, Register 216; am 2 / 24 / 2022, Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.410 AS 08.04.425

~~12 AAC 04.370 is repealed~~

Withdrawn

~~12 AAC 04.370. Individual study. Repealed ____ / ____ / _____. (Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; repealed ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)~~

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12 AAC 04.390 is repealed:

12 AAC 04.390. Publications. Repealed 2 / 24 / 2022 . (Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; repealed 2 / 24 / 2022 , Register 241)

12 AAC 04.430 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) When a license is in “inactive” status, ^{that status} ~~it~~ ^{by the licensee} must be made clear when using the CPA designation in any form, such as ^{with} “CPA-Inactive” or “CPA (inactive)”.

(f) When a license is in inactive status, the licensee may not offer or practice public accounting. (Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; am 8/14/87, Register 103; am 4/7/95, Register 134; am 7/25/2001, Register 159; am 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 2 / 24 / 2022 , Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.410 AS 08.04.425

12 AAC 04.610(a)(1) and (2) are amended to read:

(1) American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, *AICPA Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews*, **June 2021** [DECEMBER 2017] edition, adopted by reference, excluding any reference to compilations; or

(2) National State Auditors Association (NSAA) *Peer Review Manual*, **2021** [2016] edition, adopted by reference.

(Eff. 7/27/97, Register 143; am 11/2/2001, Register 160; am 10/16/2011, Register 200; am 8/1/2012, Register 203; am 1/4/2017, Register 221; am 4/19/2019, Register 230; am

2 / 24 / 2022 , Register 241)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.426

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12 AAC 04.370 is repealed:

12 AAC 04.370. Individual study. Repealed ____/____/_____. (Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; repealed ____/____/_____, Register _____)

12 AAC 04.380 is amended to read:

12 AAC 04.380. Instructor or discussion leader. (a) The board will award one hour of continuing education credit for each hour completed in preparation for instruction or discussion as an instructor or discussion leader of an educational program meeting the requirements of 12 AAC 04.310 – **12 AAC 04.360** [12 AAC 04.370]. The number of hours of credit awarded under this subsection may not exceed twice the number of hours awarded under (b) of this section.

(b) The board will award one hour of continuing education credit for each hour completed as an instructor or discussion leader of an educational program meeting the requirements of 12 AAC 04.310 – **12 AAC 04.360** [12 AAC 04.370]. The board will award credit only for the initial course of instruction of the subject matter unless there have been substantial new developments in the subject since the prior presentation.

(c) Credit awarded under (a) and (b) of this section may not exceed 30 hours in any two-year period. (Eff. 1/18/78, Register 64; am 2/23/95, Register 133; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.04.070 AS 08.04.425

Board must re-adopt repeal of 12 AAC 04.370 and amend 12 AAC 04.380 (to remove reference to the repealed section)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of professional licensing boards DATE: September 1, 2021

FROM: Sara Chambers, Division Director RE: Military licensing provisions in state law

On January 1, 2022, several augmentations to existing licensing laws pertaining to military personnel and spouses will go into effect. The purpose of this memo is to ensure board members are aware of and understand these requirements so they can adopt regulations and implement processes, if necessary, to comply with these requirements.

Since the earliest military spouse licensing provisions of AS 08.02.063 went into effect in 2011, and military personnel licensing provisions of AS 08.01.064 and AS 08.01.100 went into effect in 2013, only a few boards have executed the legislature's intent. The Board of Examiners in Optometry, the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board, and the Board of Dental Examiners have each addressed matters arising from individual applications from military personnel. At the request of a board member who is a military veteran, the Board of Nursing has formed a committee to "crosswalk" military experience and education to align with existing license types and to explore options to bridge education gaps that may exist.

In recent years, the plight of military servicemembers and their spouses has gained national attention among state regulators and military communities within their jurisdictions. The U.S. Department of Defense has shined an unflattering light on how Alaska has handled military licensing transfers—just as Eielson AFB expanded to welcome thousands of new servicemembers and their families. In addition, a 2018 memo from the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force sent a clear message about their expectations and the economic pressure they intended to apply on states:

"While focus on the mission is always our priority, the factors military families cite most frequently as drawbacks to military service include military dependent's difficulty assimilating into local school systems following a duty station transfer, the quality of schools available for their children, and the ability of spouses to obtain jobs and sustain careers. With that in mind, we will encourage leadership to consider the quality of schools near bases and whether reciprocity of professional licenses is available for military families when evaluating future basing or mission alternatives."

Various reports on this issue have been published in the last few years: although sources range from the Department of Defense to the National Governors Association to both the Obama and Trump Administrations, the need for military-friendly licensing policies is universally agreed-upon.

The information below and attached should assist boards in review and determination of next steps to reach compliance with the legislature's statutory expectations. I encourage boards to take the following steps to move forward on this project:

1. Board chairs review and/or assign a member to begin analysis and draft motions to come into compliance. Preparing ahead of time will help the meeting be more productive.
2. Schedule time during the next meeting to review this information and plan the next steps required.
3. Propose and adopt regulations regarding:
 - a. Application processes,
 - b. Practice limitations based on Alaska-specific requirements (such as Arctic engineering),
 - c. What the board deems "substantially equivalent," if necessary,
 - d. Other relevant matters.

Consistent with AS 08.01.063(g), the division has maintained a military-specific [web page](#), email address, and coordinator since 2014. Later this year, Records and Licensing Supervisor Terry Ryals will take over coordination of all military licensing matters. In addition to his role managing several CBPL programs, he is an Army veteran and advocate for military families. CBPL Information Systems Coordinator Chelsea Childress, is leading the technical implementation of new licensing forms, structures, and workflow related to these changes.

Our team looks forward to assisting your board in the successful roll-out of this legislation.

Overview of military-related legislative licensing mandates:

Citation	Effect	Effective Date
AS 08.01.063	Requires boards and CBPL to issue temporary licenses to military spouses with substantially equivalent unencumbered licenses*	2022
	Requires boards and CBPL to issue temporary licenses to active duty military personnel with substantially equivalent unencumbered licenses*	2022
	Requires boards and CBPL to issue temporary licenses to military applicants 30 days after completing the license application package**	2022
	Requires CBPL to report on all military licensing regulations, applications, and licenses by March 1 of each year	2022
	Requires CBPL to equip boards to support applicants for these licenses	2022
AS 08.01.064	Requires boards and CBPL to accept military training and education toward licensure	2013
	Requires boards and CBPL to issue an expedited temporary license to military veterans with equivalent licensure or military experience	2013
AS 08.01.100	Allows boards and CBPL to waive fees and continuing education requirements for certain deployed military personnel	2013
* Optional since 2011		
** Prior to 2022, military applications were required to be "expedited" without a specific time frame		

Military licensing statutes (pending changes as noted become effective January 1, 2022):

AS 08.01.063. Military courtesy licenses. (a) Except as provided in (d) of this section, and notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or appropriate board **shall** [MAY] issue a temporary courtesy license to **an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States or** the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States if the **active duty member or spouse meets the requirements of this section and applies to the department or appropriate board in the manner prescribed by the department or appropriate board.** An application must include evidence satisfactory to the department or appropriate board that the applicant

- (1) is **an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States or is** married to and living with a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders;
- (2) holds a current license or certificate in another state, district, or territory of the United States, **or that is recognized by the United States, including a branch of the armed forces of the United States,** with requirements that the department or appropriate board determines are **substantially** equivalent to those established under this title for that occupation;
- (3) if required by the department or appropriate board for obtaining a license in the applicant's profession, has been fingerprinted and has provided the fees required by the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and a national criminal history record check; the fingerprints and fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety to obtain a report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400;

(4) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for the refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license or certificate to practice that occupation under this title at the time the act was committed;

(5) has not been disciplined by a licensing or credentialing entity in another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing or credentialing entity in another jurisdiction; and

(6) pays any fees required under this title.

(b) The department or appropriate board shall issue a temporary license under this section to a person who meets the requirements [EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE] under (a) of this section **within 30 days after the department or appropriate board receives the person's completed application for the temporary license.**

(c) A temporary courtesy license issued under this section is valid for 180 days and may be extended at the discretion of the department or appropriate board for one additional 180-day period, on application of the holder of the temporary courtesy license.

(d) This section does not apply to the practice of law or the regulation of attorneys under AS 08.08.

(e) The department shall prepare an annual report that describes, for the previous fiscal year, information on temporary courtesy licenses issued under this section, including

(1) expedited application procedures;

(2) progress made toward implementing regulations for the licenses, changes to regulations made to accommodate the needs of military spouses, and any plans for future regulations;

(3) the number and type of the licenses that have been issued; and

(4) the department's efforts to inform each board authorized to issue a temporary courtesy license under this section and the military community in the state about the licenses.

(f) The department shall submit the report prepared under (e) of this section to the Joint Armed Services Committee on or before the first day of March each year. In addition, the department shall consolidate the two most recent reports and submit a biennial report to the legislature on or before the first day of March during the first regular session of each legislature. The department shall deliver a copy of the biennial report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the report is available.

(g) The department shall annually produce and distribute to each board authorized to issue a temporary courtesy license under this section informational materials for the purpose of improving the board's knowledge of the licenses, the application process, and best practices in providing applicant support. The department shall encourage the boards to designate a single employee to serve as the point of contact for public information and inquiries related to temporary courtesy licenses for military spouses.

AS 08.01.064. Military education, training, and service credit; temporary license. (a) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or applicable board shall accept military education, training, and service for some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued under this chapter if

(1) the department or applicable board determines that the military education, training, and service is substantially equivalent to some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued under this chapter; and

(2) the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

(b) If the department issues temporary licenses or certificates as authorized by the department or applicable board under AS 08.01.050(a)(9), the department or applicable board shall issue a temporary license or certificate to a person who

(1) applies to the department or applicable board in a manner prescribed by the department or board;

(2) meets the requirements in AS 08.01.063(a)(3) - (6); and

(3) while in the armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this section,

(A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district, or territory of the United States, practiced in the area of the license or certificate, and maintained the license or certificate in active status before and at the time of application for a license or certificate under this subsection; or

(B) was awarded a degree, diploma, or certificate by a branch of the armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this section, that met standards for an equivalent license or a certificate of technical training.

(c) The department or applicable board shall expedite the procedure for issuance of a license or certificate under (b) of this section for an applicant who is on active duty.

(d) A license or certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid for 180 days and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for one additional 180-day period if the holder of the license or certificate applies for an extension on a form approved by the department or applicable board.

(e) The department or applicable board may adopt regulations necessary to implement this section.

Sec. 08.01.100. License renewal, lapse, and reinstatement.

(f) The department may establish and implement a waiver of continuing education requirements for renewal of a license regulated by the department and a board may establish and implement a waiver of continuing education requirements for renewal of a license regulated by the board for the period in which a licensee is engaged in active duty military service in the armed forces of the United States.

(g) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty in a combat zone, danger pay post, or qualified hazardous duty area, who is a licensee under this title in good standing at the time of the licensee's active duty order is exempt from any fees or other requirements to maintain that license or good standing while the licensee is in that zone, at that post, or in that area. This exemption is valid for 180 days after returning to the licensee's permanent duty station, if the licensee does not engage in licensed practice for profit in the private sector. The licensee shall pay fees and meet all other requirements for the license period beginning after the exemption ends. In this subsection,

(1) "combat zone" has the meaning given in 26 U.S.C. 112(c)(2) (Internal Revenue Code);

(2) "danger pay post" means a post so designated by the United States Secretary of State in the Department of State Standardized Regulations for purposes of danger pay under 5 U.S.C. 5928;

(3) "qualified hazardous duty area" means an area that, during the applicant's deployment, is treated as if it were a combat zone for purposes of a federal tax exemption under 26 U.S.C. 112 (Internal Revenue Code).

Centralized regulations pertaining to military licensure for division-managed/non-board programs:

12 AAC 02.956. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR SPOUSES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. (a) The department will issue a temporary license to the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States who meets the requirements of AS 08.01.063 and this section, authorizing the holder to practice a profession that is regulated by the department under AS 08.01.010 and this title.

(b) An applicant for a temporary license under this section must submit

- (1) a completed application, on a form provided by the department;
- (2) the applicable fees established in 12 AAC 02.105 for a temporary license;
- (3) a copy of the applicant's military dependent identification card and a copy of the spouse's current active duty military orders showing assignment to a duty station in this state;
- (4) verification of licensure from each jurisdiction where the applicant holds or has ever held a license to practice the profession for which the temporary license is requested, one of which must be a current license in good standing and meet the requirements of AS 08.01.063(a)(2); the verifications must meet the requirements of AS 08.01.063(a)(4) and (5); and
- (5) if the profession for which the applicant is seeking a temporary license requires a criminal history background check, a completed fingerprint card and the fee required by the Department of Public Safety to obtain state and national criminal justice information required under AS 08.01.063(a)(3).

(c) The department will expedite the issuance of the license under this section as required by AS 08.01.063(b).

(d) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for 180 days and may be extended for an additional 180-day period by applying on a form provided by the department and submitting the temporary license fee established in 12 AAC 02.105.

Authority: AS 08.01.050 AS 08.01.063 AS 08.01.065

12 AAC 02.957. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL. (a) The department will issue a temporary license to a member of the armed forces of the United States who meets the requirements of AS 08.01.064 and this section, authorizing the holder to practice a profession that is regulated by the department under AS 08.01.010 and this title.

(b) An applicant for a temporary license under this section must submit

- (1) a completed application, on a form provided by the department;
- (2) the applicable fees established in 12 AAC 02.105 for a temporary license;
- (3) verification of licensure from each jurisdiction where the applicant holds or has ever held a license to practice the profession for which the temporary license is requested; the verifications must meet the requirements of AS 08.01.063(a)(4) and (5);
- (4) evidence satisfactory to the department of meeting the requirements of AS 08.01.064(b)(3) as follows:
 - (A) verification of a current license or certificate issued by another jurisdiction that provides proof of licensure during the time the applicant provided the practice in the area of the license or certificate while in the military, and proof that the applicant practiced the profession, as described in AS 08.01.064(b)(3)(A); or
 - (B) documentation of receiving education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces and being awarded a degree, diploma, or certificate by a branch of the armed forces of the United States or any state, that meets the requirements of AS 08.01.064(b)(3)(B); and
- (5) if the profession for which the applicant is seeking a temporary license requires a criminal history background check, a completed fingerprint card and the fee required by the Department of Public Safety to obtain state and national criminal justice information required under AS 08.01.063(a)(3).

(c) The department will expedite the issuance of the license under this section for an applicant who is on active duty as required by AS 08.01.064(c)

(d) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for 180 days and may be extended for an additional 180-day period by applying on a form provided by the department and submitting the temporary license fee established in 12 AAC 02.105.

Authority: AS 08.01.050 AS 08.01.064 AS 08.01.065

Chapter 04. Board of Public Accountancy.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 04 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 04.184. Temporary military courtesy licenses. (a) The board shall issue a temporary military courtesy license to an active duty military member or spouse of an active duty military member of the armed forces of the United States to practice as a certified public accountant or CPA firm who meets the requirements of AS 08.01.063 and this section within 30 days after the board receives a completed application.

(b) An applicant for a temporary military courtesy license under this section must

- (1) submit a completed notarized application on a form provided by the department;
- (2) pay the applicable fees specified in 12 AAC 02.105;
- (3) submit a copy of the applicant's military identification or military dependent identification card and a copy of current active duty military orders showing assignment to a duty station in this state;
- (4) submit verification of the applicant's current license to practice public accountancy from a board of accountancy of a state or territory of the United States; the verification must include the applicant's status and complete information regarding any disciplinary action or investigation taken or pending relating to the applicant;
- (5) not have been convicted of a felony or another crime that affects the applicant's ability to practice public accountancy competently and safely.

(c) A temporary military courtesy license to active duty military personnel or spouse of military personnel under this section will be issued for a period of 180 days and may be renewed

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for one additional period specified by the board, not to exceed 180 days.

(d) An applicant for a temporary military license may not have had a license to practice public accountancy revoked, suspended, or voluntarily surrendered in this state or another state or territory of the United States.

(e) The board may refuse to issue a temporary military courtesy license for the same reasons that it may deny, suspend, or revoke a license under AS 08.04.450, AS 08.04.470, and AS 08.04.480. (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority:	AS 08.01.062	AS 08.04.005	AS 08.04.070
	AS 08.01.063	AS 08.04.080	AS 08.04.450
	AS 08.04.470	AS 08.04.480	

DRAFT - Board will need to review/amend if necessary and take action to send out for public comment

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 2/1/22

Offered: 1/21/22

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, Kaufman, Schrage

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

*** Section 1.** AS 08.04.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) Except for public members, an individual may not be appointed unless the individual holds a current license. Public members may not be employed by a person holding a license, permit, [OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION,] or practice privilege under this chapter. Notwithstanding AS 08.01.025, an accountant who does not hold a license under this chapter, [AND] is not engaged in the practice of public accounting in violation of this chapter, **and does not have a direct financial interest in public accounting** is eligible for appointment as a public member under this section.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 08.04.100 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.100. Certificate granted. The certificate of "Certified Public Accountant" shall be granted by the board to any person who meets the requirements of AS 08.04.110 - 08.04.130. The holder of a certificate issued under this section is not authorized to engage in the practice of public accounting in the state unless the

holder also has a current license or permit [, OR AN OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION OR PRACTICE PRIVILEGE].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.04.105(b) is amended to read:

(b) The board may renew a license granted under this section if the licensee

(1) maintains all of the licensee's offices as required by **AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370** [AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380];

(2) complies with the continuing education requirements of AS 08.04.425 and the **peer** [QUALITY] review requirements of AS 08.04.426; and

(3) complies with the requirements of this chapter.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.04.195(d) is amended to read:

(d) The board may renew a license issued under this section if the licensee

(1) maintains all of the licensee's offices as required by **AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370** [AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380];

(2) complies with the continuing education requirements established under (c) of this section; and

(3) complies with the requirements of this chapter.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.04.240(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board shall grant a permit to engage in the practice of public accounting **to a firm with an office in the state** [AS A PARTNERSHIP TO A PARTNERSHIP] that applies to the board as a **firm** [PARTNERSHIP] of certified public accountants if the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP] meets the following requirements:

(1) more than one-half of the ownership of the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP] belongs to certified public accountants of this or another state in good standing;

(2) an individual who is a certified public accountant or has a practice privilege, who is responsible for supervising attest functions or compilation services in the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP], and who signs or authorizes another person to sign an accountant's report on financial statements on behalf of the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP] meets the competency requirements established by the board under AS 08.04.423;

(3) an individual who signs or authorizes another person to sign an accountant's report on financial statements on behalf of the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP] meets the competency requirements established by the board under AS 08.04.423; and

(4) each **owner** [PARTNER] who is personally engaged in this state in the practice of public accounting as a member of **the firm** [THAT PARTNERSHIP] and whose principal place of business is in this state is a certified public accountant of this state in good standing.

* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.04.240(f) is amended to read:

(f) An initial permit issued under (a) **or (k)** [, (b), (d), OR (e)] of this section lasts for the remainder of the biennial licensing period during which the initial permit was granted.

* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.04.240(g) is amended to read:

(g) The board shall renew a permit granted under (a) **or (k)** [, (b), (d), OR (e)] of this section or a renewal issued under this subsection if

(1) the permittee maintains all of the licensee's offices that are located in this state as required by **AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370** [AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380];

(2) each individual who is required by (a) **or (k)** [, (b), (d), OR (e)] of this section to be a certified public accountant of this state complies with the continuing education requirements of AS 08.04.425 and the **peer** [QUALITY] review requirements of AS 08.04.426; and

(3) the permittee complies with the requirements of this chapter [, INCLUDING THE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT OF (a)(2) AND (3), (b)(3) AND (4), AND (d)(3) AND (4) OF THIS SECTION].

* **Sec. 8.** AS 08.04.240(i) is amended to read:

(i) For the purposes of issuing a permit under this section, a **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] may include owners who are not certified public accountants if

(1) the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] designates a certified public accountant or an individual with practice privileges to be responsible for the proper registration of the entity and identifies the certified public accountant or individual to the board;

(2) all of the owners of the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION,

1 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] who are not
 2 certified public accountants are active individual participants in the **firm**
 3 [PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR
 4 OTHER LEGAL ENTITY,] or in an entity affiliated with the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP,
 5 CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL
 6 ENTITY]; and

7 (3) the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED
 8 LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] complies with the other
 9 requirements that the board may adopt by regulation to protect the public interest as
 10 described under AS 08.04.005.

11 * **Sec. 9.** AS 08.04.240(j) is amended to read:

12 (j) If the ownership of a **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY
 13 COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY], after **the firm** [IT]
 14 has received or renewed a permit, does not comply with (i) of this section, the **firm**
 15 [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR
 16 OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] shall take corrective action to comply with (i) of this
 17 section within a reasonable time after the noncompliance begins. The board shall
 18 establish by regulation the criteria to determine what is a reasonable time and may
 19 base the regulation on national standards.

20 * **Sec. 10.** AS 08.04.240 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (k) The board shall grant a permit to engage in the practice of public
 22 accounting to a firm that does not have an office in the state but provides, or offers to
 23 provide, attest functions in the state, if the firm meets the following requirements:

24 (1) the firm meets the requirements of (a)(1) of this section;
 25 (2) the firm complies with the requirements in AS 08.04.426;
 26 (3) the attest functions performed by the firm in the state are performed
 27 by an individual who is a certified public accountant of this state in good standing or
 28 who has a practice privilege; and

29 (4) the firm holds a permit to engage in the practice of public
 30 accounting in good standing in the jurisdiction in which the principal office of the firm
 31 is maintained.

1 * **Sec. 11.** AS 08.04.360 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 08.04.360. Supervision required.** Each office established or maintained
3 in this state for the practice of public accounting shall be under the direct supervision
4 of an individual [IN RESIDENCE] who holds a license issued under this chapter
5 [OR A PRACTICE PRIVILEGE]. The supervisor may be a sole proprietor, partner,
6 principal, member, or staff employee. A supervisor may serve in this capacity **for**
7 **each** [AT ONE] office **in the state that is maintained by a firm** [ONLY].

8 * **Sec. 12.** AS 08.04.370 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 08.04.370. Use of title "certified public accountant" by office of firm**
10 **[LEGAL ENTITY].** The title "certified public accountant" or the abbreviation "CPA"
11 may not be used in connection with an office of a **firm** [LEGAL ENTITY] holding a
12 permit [OR AN OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION] unless the supervision requirement
13 of AS 08.04.360 is satisfied.

14 * **Sec. 13.** AS 08.04.420(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) **An** [EXCEPT AS LIMITED BY (b) OF THIS SECTION, AN] individual
16 who does not have a license in this state, but who is licensed to practice public
17 accounting in another state and whose principal place of business for the practice of
18 public accounting is in the other state may engage in the practice of public accounting
19 in this state under a practice privilege if the state in which the individual is licensed to
20 practice public accounting

21 (1) requires as a condition of licensure that an individual

22 (A) have at least 150 semester hours of college education,
23 including a baccalaureate or higher degree conferred by a college or university;

24 (B) achieve a passing grade on the Uniform Certified Public
25 Accountant Examination; and

26 (C) possess at least one year of experience, which includes
27 providing any type of service or advice involving the use of accounting, attest,
28 compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting
29 skills; the experience may be obtained through practice with the government,
30 industry, colleges, universities, or the public; or

31 (2) does not require as a condition of licensure that an individual

1 satisfy the requirements of (1) of this subsection, but the individual's qualifications are
 2 substantially equivalent to the requirements of (1) of this subsection; however, for the
 3 purposes of this paragraph, the education of an individual who holds a valid license to
 4 practice public accounting that is issued by another state before January 1, 2013, and
 5 who passes the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination before January 1,
 6 2013, is exempt from the education requirement identified in (1)(A) of this subsection.

7 * **Sec. 14.** AS 08.04.420(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) An individual who may engage in the practice of public accounting in this
 9 state under (a) [OR (b)] of this section is not required to provide a notice to the board,
 10 to pay a fee to the board, or to submit documentation to the board in order to engage in
 11 the practice of public accounting in this state. The person may engage in the practice
 12 of public accounting by mail, by telephone, by electronic means, or in person.

13 * **Sec. 15.** AS 08.04.422 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 08.04.422. Conditions of practice privileges [, OUT-OF-STATE**
 15 **PERMITS, AND OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTIONS].** An individual with a practice
 16 privilege who engages in the practice of public accounting in the state under the
 17 practice privilege, a **firm** [LEGAL ENTITY] with a permit **that** [OR EXEMPTION
 18 UNDER AS 08.04.421 WHO] engages in the practice of public accounting in this
 19 state [UNDER THE PERMIT OR EXEMPTION], and a **firm** [LEGAL ENTITY] that
 20 hires an individual with a practice privilege shall

21 (1) consent to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and
 22 disciplinary authority of the board;

23 (2) agree to comply with this chapter, including the regulations
 24 adopted by the board;

25 (3) agree that the individual or **firm** [LEGAL ENTITY] will stop
 26 offering to engage or engaging in the practice of public accounting, whether
 27 individually or on behalf of a **firm** [LEGAL ENTITY], if the license from the state of
 28 the individual's or **firm's** [LEGAL ENTITY'S] principal place of business becomes
 29 invalid; and

30 (4) consent to the appointment of the state board that issued the
 31 individual's license as the individual's or **firm's** [LEGAL ENTITY'S] agent for service

of process in a court action or in another proceeding against the individual or **firm** [LEGAL ENTITY] that arises out of a transaction or an operation connected with or incidental to the individual's or **firm's** [LEGAL ENTITY'S] engagement in the practice of public accounting.

* **Sec. 16.** AS 08.04.426(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board may require as a condition for renewal of a license or a permit that the applicant for the renewal **provide evidence of enrollment in** [UNDERGO] a **peer** [QUALITY] review **program approved** [CONDUCTED AS REQUIRED] by the board by regulation.

* **Sec. 17.** AS 08.04.426(c) is amended to read:

(c) The board shall adopt the regulations under (a) **and (f)** of this section in a reasonable time before the regulations are scheduled to become effective.

* **Sec. 18.** AS 08.04.426(d) is amended to read:

(d) The regulations adopted under (a) **or (f)** of this section may require that

(1) an applicant demonstrate that the applicant has undergone a **peer** [QUALITY] review that is a satisfactory equivalent to the **peer** [QUALITY] review under (a) of this section;

(2) the **administration of a peer review** [QUALITY REVIEWS] be subject to **oversight** [SUPERVISION] by an oversight body established or approved by the board;

(3) **a peer review** [THE QUALITY REVIEWS] be **performed** [OPERATED] and the documents be maintained in a manner that is designed to preserve confidentiality; and

(4) **organizations administering peer review programs provide information requested by the board** [THE BOARD OR ANOTHER PERSON, EXCEPT FOR THE OVERSIGHT BODY AUTHORIZED BY (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MAY NOT ACCESS THE DOCUMENTS FURNISHED OR GENERATED IN THE COURSE OF THE QUALITY REVIEW].

* **Sec. 19.** AS 08.04.426 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) The board shall, not more frequently than once every three years, require as a condition for renewal of a permit of a firm that the applicant firm undergo a peer

review conducted as required by the board by regulation. The peer review must include verification that an individual who practices at the firm, including an individual who is responsible for supervising attest function services in the firm, and who signs or authorizes another person to sign the accountant's report on a financial statement on behalf of the firm, meets competency requirements established by the board. The regulations must

(1) include reasonable provision for compliance by a firm showing that it has, within the preceding three years, undergone a peer review acceptable to the board that is substantially equivalent to the peer review required in (d) of this section;

(2) require, for an organization administering peer review programs under (1) of this subsection, to be subject to periodic evaluation by the board to assess the effectiveness of the peer review program;

(3) require, for peer reviews under (1) of this subsection, timely submittal of peer review documents on board request; and

(4) maintain documents collected by the board under this subsection in a manner that is designed to preserve confidentiality.

* **Sec. 20.** AS 08.04.440 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.440. Effect of failure to obtain license or permit. Failure of an individual or a firm [, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] to apply for a required license or permit or to pay a required fee within (1) three years from the expiration date of the license or permit last obtained or renewed, or (2) three years from the date the person was granted a license or permit as a public accountant valid under AS 08.04.661 deprives the individual or firm [, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] of the right to a license or permit or renewal of a license or permit unless the board determines that the failure is excusable. In case of excusable failure, the department shall determine the fee for a license or permit or renewal of a license or permit under this section [MAY NOT EXCEED THREE TIMES ONE YEAR'S PORTION OF THE FEE THAT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN REQUIRED FOR THE LICENSE, PERMIT, OR RENEWAL].

1 * **Sec. 21.** AS 08.04.450(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) In addition to its powers under AS 08.01.075, the board may revoke,
 3 suspend, or refuse to renew a license, practice privilege, or permit, [OR OUT-OF-
 4 STATE EXEMPTION, OR] may censure a holder of a license, practice privilege, or
 5 permit, or may require a holder of a license, practice privilege, or permit to
 6 undergo a peer review under terms required by the board or satisfactorily
 7 complete continuing education, if the board finds [OR OUT-OF-STATE
 8 EXEMPTION, FOR]

9 (1) fraud or deceit in obtaining a license or permit required by this
 10 chapter;

11 (2) dishonesty or gross negligence in the practice of public accounting,
 12 or other acts discreditable to the accounting profession;

13 (3) violation of a provision of AS 08.04.500 - 08.04.610 or failure to
 14 take corrective action to comply with AS 08.04.240(i) within the time allowed under
 15 AS 08.04.240(j);

16 (4) violation of a rule of professional conduct or other regulation
 17 adopted by the board;

18 (5) conviction of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United
 19 States;

20 (6) conviction of any crime, an essential element of which is
 21 dishonesty or fraud, under the laws of any state or of the United States;

22 (7) cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew authority
 23 to practice as a certified public accountant or public accountant in any other state for
 24 any cause other than failure to pay a required fee;

25 (8) suspension or revocation of the right to practice before any state or
 26 federal agency;

27 (9) failure to satisfy the continuing education requirements prescribed
 28 by the board under AS 08.04.425, except as conditioned, relaxed, or suspended by the
 29 board under AS 08.04.425(c) and (d);

30 (10) failure to comply with the peer [SATISFACTORILY
 31 COMPLETE A QUALITY] review requirement under AS 08.04.426; [OR]

(11) **commission of** [COMMITTING] an act in another state for which the holder of the license, practice privilege, **or** permit [, OR OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION] would be subject to discipline in this or the other state;

(12) dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or gross negligence by the holder of a license, practice privilege, or permit in the filing or failure to file the income tax returns of the holder of the license, practice privilege, or permit;

(13) violation of professional standards;

(14) performance of any fraudulent act while holding a license, practice privilege, or permit under this chapter; or

(15) a false or misleading statement or verification provided in support of the application of another person for a license or permit under this chapter.

* **Sec. 22.** AS 08.04.450 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The board may require the holder of a license, practice privilege, or permit who is disciplined under (a) of this section to bear the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.

* **Sec. 23.** AS 08.04.470 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.470. Revocation of a firm permit [OF PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY]. The board shall revoke the permit of a **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] if at any time **the firm** [IT] does not meet the qualifications prescribed by the sections of this chapter under which **the firm** [IT] qualified for the permit.

* **Sec. 24.** AS 08.04.480 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.480. Grounds for censure of, or the revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew a permit for, a firm [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY]. The board may revoke or suspend the permit of a **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY], may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew its permit, or may censure the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL

ENTITY] for any of the causes enumerated in AS 08.04.450 or for any of the following additional causes:

(1) the revocation, [OR] suspension, or refusal to renew [OF] the license or practice privilege of an owner of a firm in this state or in another state [A PARTNER, A MEMBER, A SHAREHOLDER, OR, IF THE PERMITTEE IS A LEGAL ENTITY OTHER THAN A PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AN OWNER OF THE PERMITTEE];

(2) [THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR REFUSAL TO RENEW THE PERMIT OF A PARTNER, A MEMBER, OR A SHAREHOLDER, OR, IF THE PERMITTEE IS A LEGAL ENTITY OTHER THAN A PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AN OWNER OF THE PERMITTEE];

(3)] the cancellation, revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew the permit or authority of the firm [PARTNERSHIP OR ANY PARTNER, THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR A MEMBER, THE CORPORATION OR A SHAREHOLDER, OR THE OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] to practice public accounting in another state for any cause other than failure to pay a required fee in that state.

* **Sec. 25.** AS 08.04.500(a) is amended to read:

(a) An individual may not assume or use the title or designation "certified public accountant" or the abbreviation "CPA" or any other title, designation, word, letter, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that the individual is a certified public accountant, unless the individual has received a license and all of the individual's offices in this state for the practice of public accounting are maintained as required by AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370 [AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380].

* **Sec. 26.** AS 08.04.505 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.505. Issuance of reports. Only a person who holds a valid license, practice privilege, or permit [, OR OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION] may issue a report on behalf [FINANCIAL STATEMENTS] of another person or governmental unit. This restriction does not apply to

(1) an officer, partner, member, or employee of a firm [SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] affixing that person's signature to a statement or report in reference to the financial affairs of the **firm** [SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] with wording designating the position, title, or office that the person holds in the **firm** [SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY];

(2) an act of a public official or employee in the performance of official duties;

(3) the performance by persons of other services involving the use of accounting skills, including the preparation of tax returns, management advisory services, and the preparation of financial statements without the issuance of reports on them.

* **Sec. 27.** AS 08.04.510(a) is amended to read:

(a) A **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] may not assume or use the title or designation "certified public accountant" or the abbreviation "CPA" or any other title, designation, word, letter, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that it is composed of certified public accountants, unless the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] holds a permit [OR AN OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION] and is engaging in the practice of public accounting under the name on its permit [, AND ITS OFFICES IN THIS STATE FOR THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTING ARE MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380].

* **Sec. 28.** AS 08.04.520 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.520. Individual posing as public accountant. An individual may not assume or use the title or designation "public accountant" or the abbreviation "PA" or other title, designation, word, letter, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that the individual is a public accountant, unless the individual holds a current license or practice privilege and the individual's offices in this state for the practice of public accounting are maintained as required by **AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370**

1 [AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380].

2 * **Sec. 29.** AS 08.04.530 is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 08.04.530. Firm [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY**
 4 **COMPANY, OR CORPORATION] posing as public accountant. A firm**
 5 **[PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR CORPORATION] may**
 6 **not assume or use the designation "public accountant" or the abbreviation "PA" or any**
 7 **other title, designation, word, letter, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to**
 8 **indicate that the firm [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR**
 9 **CORPORATION] is composed of public accountants, unless the firm**
 10 **[PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR CORPORATION] holds**
 11 **a current permit [OR OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION, AND, IF IT HAS A PERMIT],**
 12 **is practicing under the name on its permit, and its office in this state for the practice of**
 13 **public accounting is maintained as required by AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370**
 14 **[AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380].**

15 * **Sec. 30.** AS 08.04.540 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 08.04.540. Use of deceptive title or abbreviation.** An individual **or firm**
 17 **[, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR**
 18 **OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] may not assume or use the title or designation "certified**
 19 **accountant," "chartered accountant," "enrolled accountant," "licensed accountant,"**
 20 **"registered accountant," or any other title or designation likely to be confused with**
 21 **"certified public accountant" or "public accountant," or any of the abbreviations "C,"**
 22 **"EA," "LA," "RA," or similar abbreviations likely to be confused with "CPA" or "PA"**
 23 **except that "EA" may be used to the extent that it relates to the term "enrolled agent"**
 24 **as defined by the federal Internal Revenue Service. However [, HOWEVER], an**
 25 **individual [, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,**
 26 **CORPORATION,] or firm [OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] holding a current license,**
 27 **[OR] permit, [OR AN OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION] or practice privilege [,] and**
 28 **whose offices in this state for the practice of public accounting, if any, are maintained**
 29 **as required by AS 08.04.360 and 08.04.370 [AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380] may hold out**
 30 **to the public as an accountant or auditor.**

31 * **Sec. 31.** AS 08.04.560 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.560. Individual may not assume title. An individual may not sign or affix any name or any trade or assumed name used by that individual to any accounting or financial statement or opinion or report [ON ANY ACCOUNTING OR FINANCIAL STATEMENT] with any wording indicating that the person is a certified public accountant or public accountant or with any wording indicating that the person has expert knowledge in accounting or auditing, unless the individual holds a current license or practice privilege [AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S OFFICES IN THIS STATE, IF ANY, FOR THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTING ARE MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY AS 08.04.360 - 08.04.380].

* **Sec. 32.** AS 08.04.565 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.565. Prohibited acts. An individual licensed under AS 08.04.105 may not perform attest functions through a **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY] unless the **firm** [PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY] holds a valid permit issued under AS 08.04.240.

* **Sec. 33.** AS 08.04.600 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.04.600. Disclosure of lack of license or permit. An individual [, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION,] or **firm** [OTHER ENTITY] that does not hold a current license, a current practice privilege, **or** a current permit [, OR A CURRENT OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION,] may not hold out to the public as a certified public accountant or public accountant by use of **those** [SUCH] words or abbreviations on any sign, card, or letterhead, or in any advertisement or directory, without indicating that the individual [, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION,] or **firm** [OTHER ENTITY] does not hold a current license, a current practice privilege, or a current permit. This section does not prohibit

(1) an officer, employee, partner, member, or principal of an organization from self-description through the position, title, or office that the person holds in the organization;

(2) an act of a public official or public employee in the performance of

1 that individual's duties; or

2 (3) a person from maintaining a bookkeeping or tax service.

3 * **Sec. 34.** AS 08.04.610 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 08.04.610. Deceptive use of title or designation by firm**
 5 **[PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR**
 6 **OTHER LEGAL ENTITY].** A person may not assume or use the title or designation
 7 "certified public accountant" or "public accountant" or an abbreviation of them [,] in
 8 conjunction with a name indicating or implying that there is a firm [PARTNERSHIP,
 9 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY], or in
 10 conjunction with the designation "and Company," "and Co.," "L.L.C.," "LLC," "Ltd.,"
 11 or any similar designation, unless there is a bona fide firm [PARTNERSHIP,
 12 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OTHER LEGAL ENTITY]
 13 holding a permit issued under that name [, OR A CURRENT OUT-OF-STATE
 14 EXEMPTION]. However, a sole proprietor or partnership lawfully using the title or
 15 designation "certified public accountant" or "public accountant" or an abbreviation of
 16 them in conjunction with those [SUCH] names or designation on April 26, 1960, may
 17 continue to do so if the person or partnership otherwise complies with this chapter.

18 * **Sec. 35.** AS 08.04.620 is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 08.04.620. Exceptions.** This chapter does not prohibit

20 (1) an individual who does not hold a current license or practice
 21 privilege from serving as an employee of or as an assistant to an individual [,
 22 PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION,] or firm
 23 [OTHER LEGAL ENTITY] holding a current license, a current practice privilege, or
 24 a current permit if [, OR A CURRENT OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION SO LONG
 25 AS] the employee or assistant does not use the employee's or [THE] assistant's name
 26 in connection with an accounting or financial statement;

27 (2) an individual who holds a valid license or equivalent authorization
 28 in another state from indicating that the individual is entitled to use the title "certified
 29 public accountant," but the individual may not indicate that services are available to
 30 the public unless the individual holds a current license or practice privilege issued
 31 under this chapter;

(3) a holder of a certificate, license, or degree from a foreign country that entitles the holder to practice public accounting or the equivalent in the foreign country from providing professional services to the government of the country issuing the license, a business whose principal office is located in the foreign country, or a person who is a resident of the foreign country, if the holder of the certificate, license, or degree issued by the foreign country does not perform attest functions, or issue a report regarding an individual firm, or government of the state, and uses only the title or designation permitted under the certificate, license, or degree issued by the foreign country followed by an English translation [CONSTITUTES A RECOGNIZED QUALIFICATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTING IN THAT COUNTRY FROM INDICATING THAT THE PERSON HOLDS THE CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, OR DEGREE, BUT THE PERSON MAY NOT INDICATE THAT THE PERSON'S SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE PERSON HOLDS A CURRENT LICENSE, PRACTICE PRIVILEGE, PERMIT, OR OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION UNDER THIS CHAPTER].

* **Sec. 36.** AS 08.04.662(a) is amended to read:

(a) A license holder, a permit holder, or a practice privilege holder [, AN OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION HOLDER,] or a partner, an officer, a shareholder, a member, or an employee of a license holder, a permit holder, [AN OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION HOLDER,] or a practice privilege holder may not reveal information communicated to the license holder, permit holder [, OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION HOLDER,] or practice privilege holder by a client about a matter concerning which the client has employed the license holder, permit holder, [OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION HOLDER,] or practice privilege holder in a professional capacity. This section does not apply to

(1) information required to be disclosed by the standards of the public accounting profession in reporting on the examination of financial statements;

(2) the release of information the client has authorized the license holder, permit holder, [OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTION HOLDER,] or practice privilege holder to reveal;

(3) information revealed as part of the discovery of evidence related to a court or administrative proceeding or introduced in evidence in a court or administrative proceeding;

(4) information revealed in ethical investigations conducted by private professional organizations;

(5) information revealed in the course of a **peer** [QUALITY] review under AS 08.04.426; or

(6) information disclosed

(A) under applicable state or federal laws or regulations; or

(B) as required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight

Board.

* **Sec. 37.** AS 08.04.680(1) is amended to read:

(1) "attest function" means

(A) an audit or other engagement, if the performance of the audit or other engagement is established by the Statements on Auditing Standards;

(B) a review of a financial statement, if the performance of the review is established by the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services;

(C) an examination of prospective financial information, if the performance of the examination is established by the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements;

(D) an engagement, if the performance of the engagement is established by the Auditing Standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; or

(E) any examination, **other than an examination described in (C) of this paragraph**, review, or agreed upon procedure [TO BE] performed in accordance with the standards on attestation engagements as

(i) developed by national accountancy organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; and

(ii) adopted by the board in regulation;

* **Sec. 38.** AS 08.04.680(4) is amended to read:

(4) "compilation service" means a service **of any compilation engagement performed in accordance with** [THAT

(A) IS PERFORMED AS ESTABLISHED BY] the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services; [AND

(B) PRESENTS, IN THE FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, INFORMATION THAT IS THE REPRESENTATION OF MANAGEMENT, BUT DOES NOT EXPRESS AN ASSURANCE ON THE STATEMENTS;]

* **Sec. 39.** AS 08.04.680(14) is amended to read:

(14) "permit" means a permit issued under AS 08.04.240 [OR 08.04.421(a)];

* **Sec. 40.** AS 08.04.680(15) is amended to read:

(15) "practice of public accounting" means the offering to perform or the performance as a person holding a license, practice privilege, or permit under this chapter of a service involving the use of accounting or auditing skills; in this paragraph, "accounting or auditing skills" includes preparing financial statements, issuing reports [ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS], furnishing management services, furnishing financial advisory services, providing consulting services, preparing tax returns, advising on tax matters, or consulting on tax matters;

* **Sec. 41.** AS 08.04.680(19) is amended to read:

(19) "report," when used with reference to an attest **function** or compilation service,

(A) means

(i) an opinion, report, or other form of language that states or implies assurance as to the reliability of **the attested information or compiled** financial statements and that also contains or is accompanied by a statement or implication that the person issuing it has special knowledge or competency in accounting or auditing, which may arise from use by the issuer of the report of names or titles

1 indicating that the issuer is a certified public accountant or auditor, or
 2 from the language of the report itself;

3 (ii) any form of language that disclaims an opinion
 4 when the form of the language is conventionally understood to imply a
 5 positive assurance as to the reliability of the **attested information or**
 6 **compiled** financial statements referred to or special competence on the
 7 part of the person issuing the language;

8 (iii) any other form of language that is conventionally
 9 understood to imply that assurance or special knowledge or
 10 competence;

11 (B) does not include

12 (i) a compilation of financial statement language that
 13 does not express or imply assurance or special knowledge or
 14 competence; or

15 (ii) the following disclaimer language when used by a
 16 person without a license **or** [, A] practice privilege [, OR AN OUT-OF-
 17 STATE EXEMPTION] in connection with financial statements:

18 "I (we) have prepared the accompanying (financial
 19 statements) of (name of entity) as of (time period) for the (period) then
 20 ended. This presentation is limited to preparing, in the form of financial
 21 statements, information that is the representation of management
 22 (owners)."; or

23 "I (we) have not audited or reviewed the accompanying
 24 financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any
 25 other form of assurance on them.";

26 * **Sec. 42.** AS 08.04.680(20) is amended to read:

27 (20) "state" means a state of the United States, the District of
 28 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the **Commonwealth of the** Northern
 29 Mariana Islands, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

30 * **Sec. 43.** AS 08.04.680 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

31 (21) "firm" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability

1 company, corporation, or other legal entity;

2 (22) "peer review" means a study, appraisal, or review of one or more
3 aspects of the professional work of a person in the practice of public accounting who
4 issues attestations conducted as prescribed under AS 08.04.426 by a person who holds a
5 certificate and who is not affiliated with the person being reviewed;

6 (23) "preparation of financial statements" means providing a service of
7 any preparation of financial statements engagement to be performed in accordance
8 with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services.

9 * **Sec. 44.** AS 08.04.240(b), 08.04.240(c), 08.04.240(d), 08.04.240(e), 08.04.380,
10 08.04.420(b), 08.04.421, 08.04.426(b), 08.04.426(e), 08.04.510(b), 08.04.680(6),
11 08.04.680(7), 08.04.680(12), and 08.04.680(18) are repealed.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

February 14-15, 2022

Suite 1550, Atwood Building
550 West 7th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska

Due to COVID-19, no physical attendance from the public will be accepted

Zoom Meeting Info:

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZMrc-qspzwqGtJmndoj17mFBywFnVaEzbMC>

Dial In: 253-215-8782 or 408-638-0968

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TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	
	9:00 a.m.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Chair
12.	9:02 a.m.	Review Agenda	Chair
13.	9:05 a.m.	Application Review	Chair
14.	11:45 a.m.	Administrative Business	Chair
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm upcoming meeting schedule:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 19-20, 2022• August 25-26, 2022 *planned to be in-person• November 7-8, 2022• Review task lists• Sign minutes	
	12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

APPLICATION REVIEW

(WILL BRING LIST TO MTG)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

State of Alaska

2022 HOLIDAY

CALENDAR

State Holidays

Date	Holiday
01/01/2022	New Year's Day (observed 12/31/2021)
01/17/2022	MLK Jr.'s Birthday
02/21/2022	Presidents' Day
03/28/2022	Seward's Day
05/30/2022	Memorial Day
07/04/2022	Independence Day
09/05/2022	Labor Day
10/18/2022	Alaska Day
11/11/2022	Veterans' Day
11/24/2022	Thanksgiving Day
12/25/2022	Christmas Day (observed 12/26/2022)

Please refer to appropriate collective bargaining unit agreement for more information regarding holidays.

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